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NATURE'S SWEET . . . RESTORER.

over the signatures of some of the most illustrious medical men of to-day, men, too, who have been noted for the opportunities they have had of studying child-life, of which they have taken advantage. Among them are to be numbered Sir J. Crichton-Browne, Sir Thomas Barlow, Sir William Broadbent, Sir Dyce Duckworth, and Sir R. Douglas Powell, along with many other professors and magnates of science. The warning, evidently issued after the most serious consideration, is that in public schools the time allotted to sleep is, as a rule, much too limited. In folk-lore and in proverbial literature there has been far too much insistence upon the virtue of early rising. In the old slow times, when everything was done quietly, and as if there was no such thing as hurry, we have no doubt that it was a wholesome practice to fill the child mind with such moral axioms as that it is the early bird which gets the worm, or "Early to bed, and early to rise, Makes a man healthy, and wealthy, and wise." But times have very considerably changed, and with the changes have come exactions from the young mind that were not dreamed of before. It is not only that the science of education has been used for the purpose of giving the maximum of instruction in the minimum of time, or that the subjects of study have been vastly increased since the times when a knowledge of the three R's was considered a liberal education in itself; but the child's whole life is much more full of worry and anxiety than the lives of his ancestors. He scarcely ever plays a game without calculating averages, and the competition and rivalry have reached almost as fine a point between children as on the race-course. The result is that the child of to-day is far too much of a disciplined thinker, and though it may make him appear extremely intelligent and wise as a school-boy, it is not good for him in later life. The doctors consider that the recuperative agency ought to be sleep. No doubt in this, as in other respects, individuals and temperaments differ, but as a

"nine hours of unbroken rest in summer and nine and a-half in winter is needed by the average boy of from 13 to 16." Probably even adults would as a rule benefit much by devoting more of their time to sleep. Certainly the dictum of George IV. was about as unwise as any ever uttered: "Six hours of sleep for a man, seven for a woman, and eight for a fool." On the contrary, nothing is more conducive to health than a natural sleep, though much is to be said in favour of the Duke of Wellington's dislike of prolonged staying in bed. He slept on a camp bedstead in which there was no room to turn, one of his homely sayings being, "When a man wants to turn, it is time for him to turn out." No doubt there are numbers of peopie who are inclined to spend too much of their time in bed, though we do not believe the present generation is as bad in this respect as a preceding one of the time when cards began immediately after early dinner, and often lasted until the sun had begun to brighten in the East. The dissipated young bloods of that age made up the deficiency by sleeping with closed shutters all day. But in our time the man who lives such a life as that is very exceptional.

Still, the strain upon the mental faculties has been very much accentuated. All the supplements of civilisation which economise labour at the same time give work to the brain. As an example of this it will be sufficient to refer to the old system of travelling. A man who went a journey in the olden time was bound, whether he liked it or not, to have an entire mental rest. His coach or other conveyance could only cover a limited number of miles in a day, and at night there were long hours in which he could take his ease at his inn. We, on the other hand, fly more quickly than birds do from one part of the earth to the other, and so comfortable are our means of locomotion, that a man of business is very often able to go on with his work even while travelling. At any rate, if he have business interests, he will purchase a newspaper relating to them, and so his mind will, in spite of himself, be kept active. Some of us remember how the late Anthony Trollope, when journeying about for the Post Office, used to have a special apparatus for writing, so that he never gave his mind a rest. It may be said that all this applies to adults, but we have to remember that it is typical of the world into which children are gradually merging, and it shows how advisable it is that they should lay the foundation of a strong and tranquil mind while they are yet young. If they are forced, as is the case in very many of the public schools, to give up part of the time that should be devoted to sleep, it is, so the doctors say, absolutely certain to bear evil fruit in the future. In the words of the signatories to the letter referred to, boys who are deprived of their natural sleep "will leave school less well equipped for the struggle of life, both in body and in mind, than might have been the case if more generous hours of rest had been accorded to them during their years of development." There is no reason why children under the age of sixteen, at least, should not sleep the clock round. They would be all the more active during the h

Under the circumstances which we have described, it will not be wonderful if a distinct current of feeling were to set in against those early-rising maxims that have been dinned into the ears of the children of several generations. The value of sleep is not only better understood to-day, but it is enhanced by the character of the changes that have taken place in our social life. There can be little doubt that much of the excitability and nervousness that have become characteristic of English people owe their genesis in a large measure to the wear and tear of the nerves, that have not had sufficient rest to allow them to recuperate. It is noteworthy that many of those who have taken a leading part in the world's history have owed their eminence in a large measure to the faculty for sleep. Napoleon could go off to sleep whenever he wished, and Wellington seems to have had a constitution similar in this respect, at least. Among statesmen, Lord Palmerston is remembered as having been able to undergo the wear and tear of Parliamentary life without injury by adhering to his resolution, that whatever time it might be when the House rose, he must have eight hours' sleep before returning to it. In later days, it will be remembered that Mr. Gladstone, who for physique ranked among the very first English statesmen, during the heyday of his fame, slept as profoundly and as regularly as a child. He was somewhat troubled with sleeplessness in later life, and to this fact was attributed the first perceptible decay of his powers. But it is unnecessary to multiply examples of the miracles accomplished by "Tired Nature's sweet restorer, balmy sleep." What remains to be done is to express our satisfaction at the action taken by these eminent physicians. We trust that it will lead to a complete reformation in the arrangements of our public schools.

Our Portrait Illustration.

UR frontispiece this week is a portrait of Lady Chelmsford, who is a daughter of Lord Wimborne, and married the present Governor of Queensland in 1904.

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· NOTES ·

HAT is traditionally called Christmas weather did not make its appearance this Yuletide. No snow seems to have fallen throughout the length and breadth of Great Britain, and though the temperature continued low, it did not, during the course of the holidays, go much below freezing-point. Perhaps, on the whole, this kind of weather is the most suitable for holiday-making in midwinter. It certainly precluded anything in the nature of skating being attempted; but the vast majority of people nowadays, if they do not go abroad, love to take their enjoyment on wheels, either in carriages drawn by horses, in motor-cars, or on the humbler bicycle—and for all these purposes the circumstances were most favourable, the cold not being excessive for this season of the year, and the condition of the roads much better than might have been expected.

It is very seldom that we have to complain of a drought in December, and probably there are many people in the country who will be inclined to feel sceptical about anything of the kind having taken place. We read in the Northern newspapers of torrents of rain and floods, but, on the other hand, Mr. Hugh Robert Mill, a careful observer located in the North-West of London, says that for fifteen days no rain has fallen. Although there may have been occasional showers in the neighbourhood of the suburbs, or just outside the limits of Greater London, the drought there has been considerable, so much so that the ponds, which generally get filled about this season of the year, have shrunk very considerably, while the roads are more in the condition that we expect in early March than in midwinter. It is to be hoped that this condition of things will not continue, as if the springs are not reinvigorated by copious rains at this time of the year, the effects are disastrous to the growing plants which require abundance of moisture.

The advance posting scheme which has been tried this year at Manchester, Warrington, and Wigan, has proved so successful that on another occasion it may be hoped that other towns will adopt the same plan. Letters for delivery on Christmas Day were posted in advance, and of course there is no reason, in the majority of instances, why Christmas cards and parcels should not be prepared a week beforehand. Between 700,000 and 800,000 letters, etc., were actually sent in to the Post Office at Manchester, and the sorters were quite able to deal with them by noon on the 23rd, so that the question of delivery was very much simplified. As the work at the Post Office tends every year to become greater at Christmas-time, it night be worth while for other places to think carefully over adopting the plan.

Very much legitimate curiosity is felt as to the strength of the movement which has arisen in Germany for the improvement of that country's relations with Great Britain; but it is to be feared that analysis will not show much strength in the composition of those who are taking part in it. We, after all, are the best trade customers that Germany has, and naturally enough those merchants who find their chief field of enterprise in Germany are averse from the idea of war, and are quite ready to take all possible means to prevent it. In the second place, there has grown up in Germany during recent years a peace-at-anyprice party, the members of which are full of the most admirable and Christian sentiments, only unfortunately they do not count much either in the way of numbers or equals. There are, finally, a few who look upon war with this country as likely to involve an expenditure that will prove remunerative neither to the victor nor to the vanquished. These elements, however, are, like the poor, forever with us, and it is unlikely that they will be strong enough to stem the torrent of any great national feeling. It is said that the officials in the German Government are, for the most part, inclined to peace, and that is probably the best attitude in the situation.

While Christian Europe was celebrating the great festival which has for its watchword "Peace on earth, goodwill toward men," the people of Russia were going through one of the most tragic experiences recorded of any nation. In Moscow the guns of the Czar were turned against those who should have been his peaceful subjects, and the list of dead and wounded would have been considered appalling if transmitted as the result of some sanguinary battle on the veldt or in Manchuria. Full accounts of what has happened have not yet come to hand, but sufficient is known to strike terror and dismay into the minds of those who hoped against hope that Russia might still emerge from her trials a strong and purified nation. It would appear, however, that the bloody tale of revolution has not yet been fully unfolded, and no man can prophesy what the ultimate destiny of Russia is to be.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

To the young, to the brave, to the strong Before whom the future outspreads As a board, all light-handed to sweep, The unknown, and the right, and the wrong— A Happy New Year!

To the good, to the tender and true, Who have stood by our side on the path Of life's troubles and follies and cares; The path that we all must pursue— A Happy New Year!

For the old, for the frail, for the weak, To whom mem'ry calls up as a dream The never-attained might have been, We with love and affection bespeak A Happy New Year!

C. E. DE LA POER BERESFORD

King Edward has written one of his homely and sincere letters to General Booth in answer to a communication describing the magnificent gift of £100,000 which has been made by Mr. George Herring. Thus the head of the Salvation Army will be able to begin his system of relief with the moral advantage of approbation from the highest quarters. When we remember what took place at Hadleigh, it is permissible to entertain sanguine hopes of the new scheme. At first Hadleigh was somewhat in the nature of a disappointment, and there was a moment when it seemed as though the Salvation Army would have to get rid of it. But gradually they became accustomed to the work involved, and ended by mastering it thoroughly. They come to the new task with experience gained from the old one.

At a moment like this, when so many minds are perplexed about the problem of unemployment, Lord Brassey's account of the solution found for the difficulty in Melbourne has a special interest. He describes the labour colony of Leongatha in Gippsland. The men were housed in wooden barracks, and fed very well, though the cost was considerably below that which would be incurred under the Poor Law administration in England. A nominal wage of 4s. was given in addition, and the work the men had to do was that of clearing the bush, draining, and general market gardening. The scheme seems to have worked very well and to have been originally founded on the plan of the German labour colony. Perhaps we might do something of the same kind in this country by attempting to bring some of the waste or hilly land into cultivation. The objection to reclamation from a practical agricultural point of view is that it is too costly, that the outlay is not sufficiently recompensed by the income; but if the unemployed were set to work to bring land into cultivation and paid so small a wage that men already in work would not be induced to leave their employment, the result might be favourable from every point of view.

Those who used to be called "armchair politicians," and who are, in the words of Shakespeare, only "lookers-on at Venice," have for some time past been indulging in a little harmless speculation as to what will be the result of the impending General Election. We have proof positive that it is possible for those who are in the confidence of the "wire-pullers"

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to form a fairly accurate forecast. The late Mr. Hugh Childers, in one of Mr. Gladstone's Administrations Chancellor of the Exchequer, used, when a General Election was approaching, to write his prophecy of the result and give it to Mr. Knowles, the editor of the Nineteenth Century, who stated that invariably he found the forecast very accurate.

The security to goods and person which, on the whole the citizen of London enjoys, is an expensive luxury, if we may take the figures which have been collected by the United States Department of Commerce and Labour. Of course, every large city has a criminal population that has to be kept in check, and it seems that it costs London £1,600,000 per annum to do this. The statistician has counted in the payments for police courts, prisons, and prosecuting officers. The total does not include, however, the value of stolen property, which is decidedly an item of cost, or losses due to the idleness of criminals, and losses due to the injury of parties. We are less concerned about the actual cost than about the fact to which the United States student draws attention, that the serious classes of crime are increasing in London. Burglary, house-breaking, and counterfeiting are included among the growing offences.

Many instructive letters, and some that are very amusing, have been written on the medical manifesto which forms the subject of the leader in to-day's number. In a general way, the parent seems to be in sympathy with the scholar, and a number of fathers write to suggest various improvements on the recommendations made by the physicians. They object, for instance, to study before breakfast, and possibly to attendance at chapel. On the other hand, a well-known schoolmaster gives it as his experience that the boy who sleeps most soundly is, as a rule, the least inclined to work, and expresses his opinion that for one boy who is not physically developed, there are a hundred stunted in intellectual growth.

The sorely-tried people of Basingstoke seem to be practically free of their troubles, and to have solved in a satisfactory manner the problems of water supply which were so very serious. It will be remembered that a recent very severe outbreak of epidemic illness in this town was commonly attributed to the condition of the water supply. The authorities have been fortunate enough in being able to meet the trouble by finding a sufficient amount of perfectly pure water in the chalk in the neighbourhood of West Ham at no greater depth than 6oft., as we are assured. By the driving of two adits of some 35ft. each, it is estimated that this will provide a supply ample for the needs of the town, and in the meantime water is being conveyed from this source by means of temporary machinery. Naturally all this must imply a certain expense to the ratepayers, but after all that they have suffered they are to be congratulated sincerely that the new supply, which is absolutely pure and adequate, can be obtained without more cost and difficulty.

We really do seem to have made a useful step or two in advance along the good path of Smoke Abatement. Sir Oliver Lodge and one or two others have doubtless touched the right note lately in saying that smoke prevention is better than its cure—that is to say, that the only wise way is to produce as little of it as is practicable. And since it is now possible to prove to those who make the smoke that its excess is both unnecessary and expensive, being a sign of bad and wasteful stoking, there is a chance of making an appeal to that motive of self-interest which is among the strongest of human nature, so as to induce manufacturers to see to it that their chimneys shall give forth as few as may be of the black fog-producing particles.

There is one effect almost inevitable, yet not at all commonly realised, of the universal spread of education—it will either lower the prices, or else drive out of existence the shops in country villages. The prices of commodities—groceries, haberdashery, or whatever they may be—at these small shops are all higher, sometimes ridiculously higher, than the prices of the stores, or even of the big London shops; much more are they higher than the prices of goods obtained more directly from the manufacturers. The small country shops get their patronage mainly from the small country people—the quite poor or the farmers; and if a few of the gentry patronise them, it is out of something like charity—"to support the local tradespeople," as is said. But that is not why the poorer classes go to these shops; they do not wish to be charitable. They deal there because London seems very remote, because they are not really acquainted with the advantages of getting things down from London, and in part because the writing of a letter is a great labour. But all this will be changed by the universal education. The people will learn to manage their affairs better, and not deal in the most expensive market just because it is the most convenient. And when they arrive at that knowledge, it is hard to see how the

small shops are to survive, if it be really true, as their keepers tell us, that they cannot make a profit out of selling their things at the stores' prices.

It is very good news that the money—in all, £12,000—required for saving to the nation the beautiful district of Gowbarrow Fell has been fully subscribed, and that there is now no longer a fear of its charms being destroyed by the hand of the speculative builder. At the same time, while making this gratifying announcement, the authorities, with the honoured name of Miss Octavia Hill at their head, signify that there are certain legal and other expenses incidental to the arrangements for the transfer of the property, to defray which further contributions will be acceptable, and also that the National Trust for Places of Historic Interest or Natural Beauty (to give it the whole of its rather portentous title) has a five years' option of purchase over some more land in the neighbourhood, for the exercise of which additional funds will be required.

THE FRONTIER.

Life issued martial orders

To dwellers in his town,
And marked forbidden borders

By limits there set down;

Some scorned the demarcation, And wandered o'er the line To the land of another nation Where no suns ever shine.

Their comrades hear them wailing In bondage and the pain Of hope that is always failing, Endeavour always vain:

For the secret of heaven, surrounded By the vast expanse of hell, Is to know that we are bounded And to keep the boundary well.

FRANCIS COUTTS.

The meetings of the committee of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution always have a stirring and a deeply pathetic interest, in the records they reveal of gallant work done and much loss of life in doing it. At the latest meeting, presided over by Sir Edward Birkbeck, it was reported that during the current year rewards had been given by the institution for the saving of not less than 523 lives. The boats have been launched to the assistance of distressed vessels on 336 occasions, and have aided in the salvation of twenty-six vessels of one kind or another. One lifeboat station, that of Penarth, has been closed, but two new ones have been opened, one at North Deal and the other at Fethard in Ireland. The meeting authorised the payment of close on £6,000 for the service of the 282 stations belonging to the institution. It is a record of admirable work. The meeting recorded the donation of £1,500 from Miss Maria Clark, for a lifeboat to be named the Maria; of £500 from Mrs. F. Roget, in further aid of the Elinor Roget Liteboat Station at Clovelly, in North Devon; £ 100 from the Earl's Court Naval, Shipping, and Fisheries Exhibition; and £55 8s. from the Oddfellows Order.

So much attention has been aroused of late by learned discussion as to the origin of the Arab horse, and his influence on the English thorough-bred in particular, that it will be of much interest to learn what such authorities as Professors Lydekker, Ray Lankester, and Ridgeway have to say with regard to the reputed discovery of the pre-orbital gland in the skulls of Shire horses. It has hitherto been accepted almost as a fact that traces of this gland were only to be found in Arab horses and in the English thorough-bred, to the total exclusion of all other breeds. Many deductions have been based upon this hypothesis, not the least interesting being that which was supposed to prove that the race-horse of to-day derives his origin from Arabian horses, who, in their turn, trace back to the extinct Equus sivalensis. Those who have read Professor Ridgeway's extremely interesting work on the "Thorough-bred Horse" will doubtless remember that he is of opinion that in, comparatively speaking, early days there was an infusion of Arab blood into the breed of heavy horses which we now call Shires, and if this discovery be true, strong collateral evidence is forthcoming in support of the Professor's views on the subject, and a still stronger proof has been found of the intense vitality and prepotency of the Arab blood. But according to Professor Ridgeway's showing, the Arab horses are themselves descended from the horses of Northern Africa or Libya; if that be so—and his arguments are almost irrefutable—then Arabs, English race-horses, and Shire horses have a common ancestor. All trace their origin to the breed of horses which supplied Xerxes with cavalry, and which enabled their possessors to raid the fertile plains of Egypt with impunity.

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SOMECOUNTRY CALENDARS. OLD

ROM the earliest times of which we have any record calendars or almanacs have been a constant source of interest and use. In fact, the word "calendar" is the Latin "calendarium," which meant an account book, wherein were entered the amounts of "interest" payable by borrowers on the calends or the first day of every month. But, of course, the calendar as used by our forefathers was a means of determining times and seasons for all manner of happenings— the festivals of the Church and the long succession of Saints' days, the phases of the moon, and the proper duties for each week and month on the home farm and in the fields.

At the end of the fifteenth and throughout the sixteenth century, when printed books were still a luxury, hese calendars, which contained, besides the ordinary information as to lates, a curious medley of miscelaneous knowledge, became the chief, and in many cases the only, resource of those who could read, but could not afford to buy more than one book. Thus they served a double purpose. They were invaluable to the farmer, who, by their help, checked his experience and instinct for doing the right thing at the right time, and they also invited the reader to remember his duty to God and Holy Church by displaying in all the vivid horror of the mediæval imagination, both by picture and by word-painting, the punited in the signer after doubted. At the end of the fifteenth and

picture and by word-painting, the punishments that awaited the sinner after death.

Among the earliest of those which have survived to our time are the very rare German xylographic almanacs on



bould I be Glent, who do know fo well My Neighbour hates a willing Lye to tell: set me speak truth, and I shall say no more; le write but what I knew by bim before.

or knowledg of Winter, Spring, Summer & Fall, he Wind and its turnings, he out-strips them all, hat e're wrote before him, as ere I could read; And so mayest thou, if thou his Legacy heed.

Tis Cures are perfect, and that to my knowledg, Is if he had served a sime in the Colledg.

AN OLD WOODCUT.

which subsequent issues were based. But it is quite impossible to track the final derivation of these calendars, since the materials of which they are composed come from so many obscure sources in manuscript long before the invention of the art of printing. One large and extremely interesting class was specially devoted to the use of shepherds, though many other people must have found them valuable. As far back as 1379 Jehan de Brie compiled his "Vrai Régime et gouvernemente des bergers et bergeres," in which are found directions for the care of sheep But it is quite impossible to track the found directions for the care of sheep in health and in disease. More than a in health and in disease. More than a hundred years later, in 1493, was published the first extant edition, as far as we know, of "Le Compost et kalendrier des bergiers," printed by Guiot Marchant in Paris. This bears no author's name, but as Dr. H. O. Sommer, whose "Kalender of Shepherdes" is the standard authority on this subject, suggests, it was probably written by a member of the Church of written by a member of the Church of Rome for the use of the faithful and the benefit of mankind in general. Of this editio princets only two perfect copies are known—one (on vellum) in the Bibliothèque Nationale in Paris, and the other in private hands in England; but a unique copy of an edition dated three months later is to be found in the famous Grenville Library at the British Museum, from which fine book most of the illustrations accompanying this article have been taken by permission of e "Compost," which has very little in "Vrai Régime"—though the opposite

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frequently reprinted, with slight additions and alterations, down

In England, too, translations were plentiful from the first. The earliest of these was a quarto printed in Paris in 1503. Of this only two copies are left, one being at Chatsworth; but a fac-simile has been edited by Dr. Sommer, which all students of the subject find extremely useful. "The Kalendayr of shyppars," as the title runs, is almost unintelligible to the English reader, spelling and runs, is almost unintelligible to the English leader, spering and language being alike extraordinary. Three years later came the first edition published in London. The printer was Richard Pynson, and the translator, in his preface, found it necessary to explain to his readers that,"... here before tyme thys boke was prynted In parys In to corrupte englysshe and nat by no englysshe man wherfore these bokes that were brought Into Englande no man coude understand." With this criticism everyone who man coude understand." With this criticism everyone who has seen the Paris edition will agree most heartily. Altogether the "kalendayr" was translated four several times into English, and edition followed edition at frequent intervals during the next hundred years. Early copies are, of course, scarce and valuable, as coming from the famous presses of Wynkyn de Worde, Julian Notary, and others, but the illustrations are, as a rule, inferior to those of the earliest French editions from inferior to those of the earliest French editions from which the blocks were taken. As for these illustrations, they come partly from German and partly from French sources. Those of min's occupations throughout the year, the pictures Those of man's occupations throughout the year, the pictures of saints, and the astronomical figures are German; while most of the rest, including the representations of the punishments dealt out in hell to all who have committed mortal sin—which are too vividly horrible for reproduction here—and the wonderfully-realistic but equally-ghastly figures of the "Danse Macabre," are French. All are interesting, both from the artistic and the archæological point of view. Those in particular which portray the various duties and occupations throughout the year are curiously fascinating. The men and women represented are hard at work

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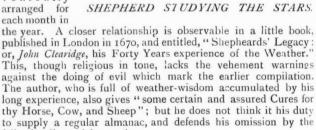
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and full of life and energy. Nor are there wanting those touches of realism which so often surprise us into keen human sympathy with the Middle Ages, in spite of the archaism which accompanies it. Moreover, fashions in farming are slow to change, and the ploughs, the scythes, the sickles, and other implements used by these broad-hatted country-folk are familiar to every lover of the country in the twentieth century. Looking at the portraits of the labourers, we see how, even as now, the life they led left

its mark upon their faces, furrowed by care and exposure to the scorching heat of summer, the buffeting of and driving sleet of winter. Yet they keep a merry heart, and can enjoy a laugh as much as anyone. There is little suggestion dull monotony of the daily round of duty on the Doubtless there were some who, in those days, found the life dull and uninspiring, and longed for the fuller and wider life of the towns; but there was always the unpleasant chance of interruption

by armed men to prevent men from brooding over their lack of change, and, besides, they knew nothing of the depression which farming on the American scale sometimes brings to those who look every day over a vast expanse of cornland stretching away to the skyline. Probably, too, their tastes were simpler.

In England several other "Sheph e a r d e s Calendars' have been published from time to That time. Spenser, of course, has nothing in common with the earlier form, being simply series of pastoral eclogues conveniently arranged for



following lines of doggerel: "An Almanack is out at Twelve Months day, My Legacy it doth endure for aye. But take you notice, though 'tis but a hint, It far excels some books of greater Print."

This sounds rather boastful, but on the whole the swagger is justifiable, for the "Legacy" contains some very interesting information. It is mentioned here thus briefly, because of the illustration, which may be usefully compared with those which show the shepherd in the dress of an earlier period.

In the Biographia Britannica the "Shepherd of Banbury" i called "an apocryphal person," and his "Rules" are attribute to Dr. John Campbell, who was a prolific writer of miscellaneous profile in the gight control but who cartists at it. works in the eighteenth century, but who certainly did no originally compile the famous rules, though he may have had something to do with bringing them once more before the reader in a modern guise. At any rate, an edition based on that of 1670 was published in 1744, and the pamphlet seems to have been popular, for it was reprinted with variations no less than six times during the next hundred years. As for the reliability of the original observations, the editor of the edition o 18co, in his introduction, makes some very pertinent remark with regard to the superior air sometimes assumed by thos whose knowledge is superficial and derived from books rathe than from experience. And he goes on to say: "The shephere



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whose sole business it is to observe what has a reference to the flock under his care, who spends all his days and many of his nights in the open air, and under the wide canopy of Heaven, is, in a manner, obliged to take particular notice of the alterations of the weather, and when once he comes to take a pleasure in making such observations, it is amazing how great a progress he makes in them, and to how great a certainty at last he arrives by mere dint of comparing signs and events, and correcting one remark by another. Everything in time becomes to him a sort of weather-gage. The sun, the moon, the stars, the clouds, the winds, the mists, the trees, the flowers, the herbs, and almost every animal with which he is acquainted. All these, I say, become to such a person instruments of real knowledge." How true this is only country people can fully appreciate; and since shepherds have change almost less than any other class of men,

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It is, of course, impossible within the limits of article to do much beyond suggesting that the whole subject of early calendars pre-sents a wide and extremely interesting one for study. The woodcuts alone will repay the trouble of investigation, while the letterpress is valuable from many points of view. In them are mirrored the state of society at the time when they were written—men's ideas of Heaven and Hell, their notions of astronomy and the kindred science of astrology, in which such faith was placed down to comparatively modern days. And mingled with what with we may be inclined to call the antiquated and merely superstitious beliefs of those early days is a strong leaven of sound sense and good advice for the care of soul and body, such as it would be hard to find within the covers of any other single book except the sacred writings of our own or other religions. Indeed, it is difficult to estimate the debt of religion to these early printed books and their immediate predecessors in manuscript; and to those whose books were few they must have been

a very treasure-house of wisdom. In short, they possess a human interest far wider than that provided by any one country, and it is to this fact that their frequent reprinting is due. They are of interest to-day not simply because they are old, but for a worthier and more convincing reason.

WILD COUNTRY LIFE.

BIRD NOTES AND HUMAN EARS.

NE of the sorrows of advancing years is the loss of so many bird notes, for to most people who are past middle age the shriller ones become inaudible, though few men are unlucky enough to discover the fact. In the same way an astonishing number of people are more or less colour-blind, who never become aware of their infirmity; and if you begin to test the

members of your family or your acquaintances (but be sure that you are right yourself to start with!) you will come upon facts that will surprise you. So when you are on a country walk there will probably be unflattering revelations

if the youngest member of the party is made to call attention to every bird note that he hears. Perhaps the youngest may not be the sharpest-eared, and others will hear sounds that he cannot catch; but most probably one half of the things that reach his ears will be quite insudible to most of the grown-ups present. We start in life, of course, with wide differences in the acuteness of our hearing, and I remember how, as children, we took delight in finding out who could hear the chittering of bats on the wing and who could not. I used to pride myself on my bat-hearing, but now he must be a very able-bodied bat and very close and talking very gruffly before my ears tell me that he is there. I am quite convinced that the common pipistrelles of these later years are dumb.

THE ADVANTAGE OF YOUTH.

Can you hear the call of a fly-catcher, or that thinnest chittering of a robin, or the fine-drawn peep of a hedge-sparrow? If so, and you are over forty-five, you are to be congratulated. And can you then hear a tree-creeper or a gold-crest? The last two have quite gone from me; and it is only at times that any of the three first-

named are audible. Vet few acquaintances of my own age can hear much more than I. But one only learns one's limitations when walking with some youngster, boy or girl, who is interested in Nature. What is that note, uncle?' you will be suddenly asked, and you will reply, "I didn't hear it"; and unless the possibility of your imperfection has occurred to you before, that dialogue may be repeated many times before a suspicion of the truth flashes upon you, namely, that your young companion walks all the time listening to sounds of which you are unconscious. Perhaps I am doing no kindness to the elder among my readers by awakening their curiosity as to the extent of their own shortcomings. It would, perhaps, be better for them not to know.

INAUDIBLE CRIES.

After all, the range of the human ear is only supposed to be some nine octaves—two octaves more than the ordinary parlour piano, which, of course, is a ridiculously small section of the actual range of sound. It is only necessary to watch a cat out on the grass on a summer's day to become convinced that it hears many things that we do not, and numbers of insects, we know, make noises which are far outside the compass of the human ear. We can see certain insects possessed of certain stridulating organs, going through certain motions, and we hear the sound which they produce. We can also observe the effect which that sound has on others of the same kind of insect that are within earshot. Then there are smaller insects allied to

and we hear the sound which they produce. We can also observe the effect which that sound has on others of the same kind of insect that are within earshot. Then there are smaller insects allied to them generically, with the same organs which we can see going through the same mo ions. Again we see precisely the same effect on other insects allied to the same kind that happen to be near; but no human being has ever heard the noise they make, nor probably could any microphone make it audible—at all events, experiments have failed. The air around us must be full of noises which we do not suspect; and if we all hear so little, what does it matter that most of us drop a tone or so for every decade that we leave behind us? Still, it would be pleasant to be able to hear a tree-creeper across the park as once one did. Now if one sees a tree-creeper it is by the accident of the eye catching it as it slips from tree to tree. There was a day when in nine cases out of ten it was the ear that first drew one's att. ntion to the little feathered mouse; and the world in consequence has lost nine-tenths of its tree-creepers.

A GIRL WHO HEARS.

One of the Norse gods, so the Sagas say, could hear the hair growing on a mouse's back. I know one little girl who, if she cannot quite do that, has, if not some octaves, at least a tone or two outside the normal range. "What a noise the mice are making!" she will say as we walk beside a hedgerow where everything to all others of the party is as silent as one's



A STUDY IN ANATOMY.

bedroom at midnight-and that, we may be sure, if we could hear, is far from silent. Again and again I have known her when walking along a lane or across a field suddenly to stand still and listen and then to flop down on all fours, plunging her hands into a tuft of grass, from which they emerge with all lours, plunging her hands into a tult of grass, from which they einerge with a struggling vole in the fingers. In the middle of a game of croquet she will drop her mallet and disappear into the shrubbery, to come back later with the information that "It is only the young willow-wrens"; and there is difficulty in convincing her that not her father or mother, nor any of the others present, young or old, can hear the sounds which she declares are "as loud as anything."

CLAMOROUS OWLS.

Just now, when days are short and nights so long, the most vocal of Just now, when days are short and nights so long, the most vocal of all wild things seems to be the tawny owl, which doubtless hears noises a little better than any small girl who ever breathed. Literature, any more than gamekeepers, has not been kind to the owl—"the goggling owl," "the gloom-bird," "foul bird of night," and other sweet names poets have called it—but it is really one of the most delightful of fowls, and it is a pity that it is nocturnal. It would be nice if we could watch our owls, and get to know them as well as we do our rooks and missel-thrushes; and one thing that I should like to know is where all the young owls go. It is, I think, extrain that in spite of gamekeepers, tawny owls are increasing in number all certain that, in spite of gamekeepers, tawny owls are increasing in number all over England. They have increased conspicuously—almost as fast as the carrion crow—in the neighbourhood of London, as well as in the immediate vicinity of other large towns; and they seem commoner all over the country than they were twenty years ago, but not in anything like proportion to the natural rate of increase. They are not large-brooded birds; but, on the other hand, the rates of mortality from "natural" causes ought to be very low, for there are few things that prey upon young owls.

WHERE DO YOUNG OWLS GO?

This particular neighbourhood is about as full of owls as it could be; but then it always has been. Owls are not short lived, and they are believed to pair for life, and, allowing a mortality of over 20 per cent., one pair of owls ought to have multiplied to fifty (birds, not pairs) at the end of four years, and to 150 birds at the end of five. It is evident that they do nothing of the kind. The old birds, we are told, "drive the young ones away," which is undoubtedly true; but I wish it was done in daylight, so that we might see them do it, just as we see the robins fighting for their territories on the lawn. And where do they drive them to—the next parish? But one would have to travel pretty well over this county before he found a parish which was not already stocked. Some are crowding up to the towns, as we have seen; but, even so, the greater number are still unaccounted for. "They emigrate," is the natural answer, which is probably the fact; but some part of the world must be exiting (earfully crowded with tawns owle. The unleaves the world must be getting fearfully crowded with tawny owls. The unknown factor is, of course, the actual rate of mortality That small birds perish in the numbers that they do we can more or less understand, because we see how many things prey upon them; but in the case of owls it is less easy to comprehend. That the owls must, for self-preservation, drive the young ones away is evident, because each pair must have a hunting-ground more or less to themselves; and it is as well for man (and for them) that they do, because, as so as any hunting ground got over-stocked, the birds would to a certainty turn to new sources of food supply, and then the attitude of the gamekeeper (for tawny owls are not always blameless now in the matter of young pheasants) would

THE ROBIN IN SENTIMENT.

To me Christmas never seems a good time to kill things, however fond one may be of one's gun and rod at other seasons. Only sentiment? Yes—like patriotism, or self-respect, or domestic affection, or anything else that really makes life worth living:

" A robin in a cage Sets all Heaven in a rage."

If I was a novelist and wished to make my villain appear as despicable as sible in the eyes of all right-minded people, I would make him go out and kill robins on Christmas Day.

AND AS AN EMPIRE-BUILDER.

Christmas is dying out, they say. It is sad if that be true—sad for the British Empire; for it is at Christmas-time more than at any other that the heart of the exiled Englishman in the lone places of the earth turns to home. In each remotest colony just now the minds of men and women are busy conjuring up the recollections of the Christmases of their youth by English firesides—the roaring fire, the flaming plum-pudding, the chestnuts popping on the bars, the mistletoe, the holly, and the games; and outside, in the crisp air, the bare trees frosted with silver, the little church, snow thatched (just like a Christmas card!), and not least, if last, the robin. How the Englishman's heart aches for them, off there in the lonely places; and the better the Englishman, the stronger the man, the worse

" High noon behind the tamarisks-the sun is hot above us-As at home the Christmas Day is breaking wan.'
They will drink our healths at dinner—those who tell us how they love us And forget us till another year be gone."

Who shall say for how much this yearning of the hearts homewards once who shall say for now much this yearning of the hearts nomewards one a year, with the longings and the visions that arise, counts in the loyalty of our colonies? So long as Christmas comes round once in every twelve months the love of England can never altogether die in any man or woman who once spent Christmas days at home. So it will be bad for the British Empire if Christmas really ever "goes out"; and on us rests the responsibility of keeping the Yule spark alive, at least in spirit, so that to the children of to-day Christmas may mean, when they grow up, all that it means to us; and in keeping Christmas, do not forget the robin, for he, too, plays his part—subtle, but who can say how strong?—in binding the Empire together. He also is an Empire-builder.

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BOOK OF THE WEEK.

HOSE who read "Ianto the Fisherman" will be very ready to extend a hearty welcome to a new book by the same author, which he calls Creatures of the Night (Murray), and describes as a book of wild life in Western Britain. Mr. A. W. Rees writes in a style far beyond that of the average open-airist, and here has chosen subjects worthy of his skill. Nocturnal animals are very difficult to observe, and it is astonishing how scanty our information really is in regard to them. We do not know that Mr. Rees adds in any considerable degree to our knowledge, but he writes in a very pretty and interesting manner, and evidently from direct observation. Occasionally, he seems to follow general prejudice —as when he represents the otter as continually fishing for trout. This is natural history of a very doubtful kind. We do not ourselves believe that an otter, with all its speed, could come near catching a healthy trout in a large pool. A fish must be very sickly when it becomes such an easy prey, as one would imagine it is from these pages. The otter lives, generally, upon eels, and probably has acquired a taste for them just because they are more easily obtained than trout. Occasionally, too, his writing, as Sam Weller says, "Werges upon poetry"; that is to say, he forsakes plain matter of fact and honest description for puling The following, for instance, is an example of bad writing:

Lutra awaited her mate's return, but in vain. Not till night did she venture from her hiding-place. When, however, the stars appeared, she swam wearily from pool to pool, calling, calling, calling. She explored each little bay, each crevice in the rock. She walked up the dry bed of a tributary brook, and searched among the gnarled roots and the dry brown grass fringing the gravelly watercourse. She skirted the meadows and the rocks where the hunters had beaten down the gorse, and the brambles near her home; thence she returned to the pool. Hitherto she had loved the placid night; to her the stillness was significant of peace. But now that s'illness was full of sadness, and weariness, and monotony. The shadows were deep within the gorge; from the distant woods the hoot of an owl were deep within the gorge; from the distant woods the hoot of an owl mocked her loneliness. She heard no glad answering cry. Still calling, calling, calling, she floated through the shadows, and out into the moonlight shimmering on the placid water below the gorge; but she sought and called

Lutra spent the rest of that year in widowhood. In consequence of her fight with the terrier, and also because of her grief, her two little cubs

It is quite evident that here the author has strayed from his legitimate field; as to a stillness being "full of sadness, and weariness, and monotony" to a dumb animal, it is as rank nonsense as it is to talk of an otter spending a year in widowhood, or indulging in grief. It is one of the most essential differences between the lower animals and man that the former do not waste their energies in vain sorrows, or in equally vain regrets. If you shoot a cock bird during the nesting season, the chances are that what our writer would call the widow is happily mated again within a few hours; animals seem to have very little memory of that kind. We have seen a covey of partridges, or as many of them as escaped death, drop down into a field adjacent to that from which they had been shot at, and begin eating with a content that could only come from an utter absence of nerves In a book on nocturnal animals, it is very natural to turn at once to the badger, as this animal is the most nocturnal of them all. The description of this animal is here somewhat spoilt by the excessive wordiness, and exhibits the same fault to which we have referred already. It is not natural history to make a badget listen to the indistinct monotonous wail of the wind. It would, on the whole, be more satisfactory if the writer would abandon the system of trying to write autobiography for his animals. His story of Brock, for instance, though it gives evidence of ver close observation, very often wanders into the inane and the purely sentimental.

In describing the badger cub, he takes it for granted that the education given is as conscious as in the case of human beings, as in, for instance, such a sentence as the following:

The purpose of such close confinement was, that the young badge should be taught, thoroughly and without risk, the first principles of woo craft, and thus be enabled to hold their own in that struggle for existence the stress of which is known even to the strong. Obedience, ever of vit importance, in the training of the forest folk, was impartially exacted by the mother from her offspring.

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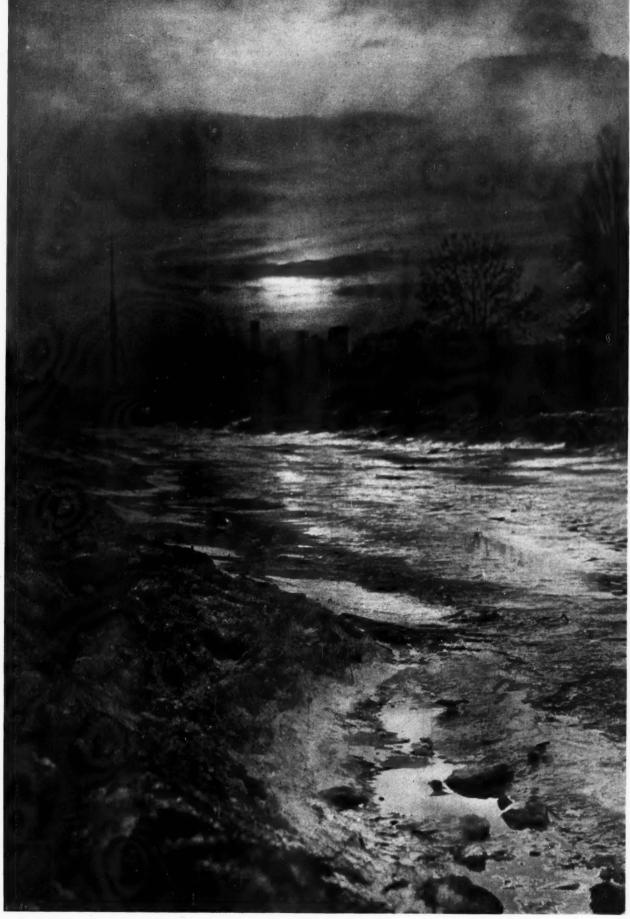
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As a specimen of his writing we give the following from his account of the hare:

When we were comfortably settled in the fern, the poacher twice uttered a feeble, wailing cry, and after being silent for some minutes repeated the quavering call. Then after a long interval, he again, though in a much lower tone, repeated the cry. No answering cry was heard, but suddenly, as she had appeared on the path by the furze, the doe-hare came in sight at the edge of the ditch a little distance away. She approached for several yards, then disappeared, with two or three long, graceful bounds, into the corn that waved about her as she leaped. She appeared once more, and squatted in the ditch on the other side of the field; hence she jumped high into the air, and alighted on the hedge; then by a longer bound than any I had previously seen, she gained a spot well out into the field, and raced along, till, directly opposite us, she yet again leaped into the hedge, and from the hedge into the wheat-field, where she immediately lay down with her little ones in the form.

We like the author best in those pieces of natural description which abound, and where he does not make any effort in the way of animal psychology. To illustrate what we mean, take the

following passage, written in clear, sound English, and treating of nothing which could not directly come under the observation of the author:

Here, one starry, April night, in a snug form prepared by the mother hare, a leveret was born. The form was hardly more than a depression in the rank grass, to which for some time past the doe had been in the habit of resorting at dawn, that she might hide secure through the day, till the dusk brought with it renewed confrience, and tempted her away into the open meadows beyond the confield, where the young clover grew green and succulent. A thick gorse bush, decked with a wealth of yellow bloom, grew up by the side of the form, and all around the matted grass and brambles marke a labyrinth, pathless save for the winding run by which the hare approached or left her home.

If he would follow that side of his work up, much would be added to the value of subsequent volumes, and he might very well be referred to Richard Jefferies as almost the best model for such writing. Jefferies had the great advantage of starting this kind of work under the supervision of an editor whose taste was excellent.

THE GREENDALE OAK.

HAT "Methuselah of the Forest," the Greendale oak of Welbeck Park, is by far the most interesting, and probably the oldest, of the several wrecks of ancient oaks still standing within the limits of the celebrated old forest of Sherwood. The Greendale oak, which is marked and lettered on the 25in. to the mile ordnance maps, stands just half a mile to the south-east of Welbeck Abbey, in the wood called the Wilderness. The approach to this fine seat of the Duke of Portland from the south is now on the further side of the lake; but in old days the road known as Welbeck Lane passed close to this great oak.

Welbeck Lane passed close to this great oak.

In early perambulations of Sherwood Forest and of its different wards, there are several references to boundary trees in

this district, from the thirteenth century onwards; but it is not possible to identify such references in any degree of certainty with this Welbeck oak. first positive mention of the tree occurred about two and a-half centuries ago, in the first edition of John Evelyn's "Sylva, or Discourse on Forest Trees," published in 1664. When writing of the particularly fine and oldest oaks that were then flourishing, Evelyn made special mention (pages 86, 87) of the "Grindal Oak" in Welbeck Lane. He describes the tree as having then lost three arms that were broken off, but still possessing eight limbs of great bosessing eight inhos of great size. The height of the oak was 88ft.; the girth, Ift. from the ground, was 33ft. Iin.; 2ft. from the ground, 28ft. 5in.; and 6ft. from the ground, 25ft. 7in. The width of the spread of the boughs was 81ft. Evelyn esti-mated that the tree would thus yield shelter or shade to 225 cattle, allowing 3yds. for each beast.

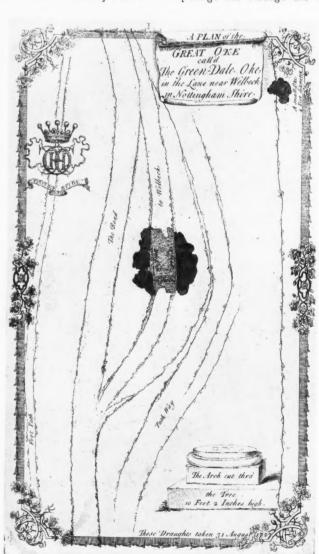
This great tree had clearly passed its prime some little time before Evelyn wrote, or he would not have had to record the loss of three of its great arms. After that date decay set in with considerable rapidity; in the next sixty years the Greendale oak lost all of its great limbs save two. One tradition has it that they were all swept off save these two in the terrific gust of a single gale that uprooted most of its younger neighbours. This tradition probably refers to the awful gale of November 26th and 27th, 1703, usually known as the "Great Storm," when the Eddystone Lighthouse was destroyed, and when thousands

of grand trees were uprooted all over the country. The great trunk of the tree had meanwhile become so hollowed with age and decay that large fissures extended right through from side to side. In the year 1724 these fissures were very considerably and artificially extended, a great deal of sound as well as decayed wood being removed during the process. The result was the formation of a great archway, about 10ft, high and 6ft, wide, right through the centre of the bole of the tree. The reasons given for this freak on behalf of the then owner of Welbeck have been repeatedly set forth in print for upwards of a century, and occur prominently in modern guide-books on Sherwood Forest. It is generally stated that a former Duke of Portland had the passage cut through the tree to drive his bride through

on the occasion of his marriage, whilst a variant asserts that the scooping out of this great hole through the decayed trunk was the result of a bet made by the Duke that he would himself drive his coach and six through it. The driving through this oaken arch of a coach and six, about the date mentioned, is an undoubted fact, but it may be worth while to give a paragraph to the descent of the Welbeck estate in order to show the impossibility of any Duke of Portland having performed the feat in question.

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Welbeck Abbey, which was one of the chief houses of the White Canons, was granted, at the dissolution of the monasteries, to Richard Whalley, and thence to a younger branch of the Cavendishes, who became Dukes of Newcastle. Lady Margaret Cavendish brought the Welbeck and other estates to John Holles, Earl of Clare, in whom the title of Duke of Newcastle was revived. They left issue an only daughter, Henrietta Cavendish Holles, who married Edward Harley, second Earl of Oxford, in 1713. The issue of this marriage was also an only daughter, Margaret Cavendish Harley, who married William Bentinck, second Duke of Portland, in 1734. Henry Bentinck, created first Duke of Portland in 1716, was Governor of Jamaica from 1722 up to his death, in 1726. The second Duke of Portland had no claim of any kind on Welbeck until his marriage in 1734. He died in 1762, and was probably only an occasional visitor at Welbeck, as the guest of his mother-in-law, the Dowager-Countess of Oxford, who retained Welbeck



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until her death in 1755. The one marriage that has any connection with Welbeck at the time when the archway was cut through the tree is that of Edward Harley, third Earl of Oxford, who married Martha, daughter of John Morgan, Esq., of Tredegar, in March, 1724-25. The third earl was son and heir of the brother of the first earl, and it is quite possible that his cousin-in-law, the Dowager-Countess of Oxford, may have invited him to spend his honeymoon at Welbeck, and that the Greendale oak archway may then have been used for the first time. At all events, if this tradition which associates the hollowed tree with a bridal entry is correct, the marriage of the third Earl of Oxford is the only one of Welbeck connection that synchronises with the event. This solution of the difficulty is now, we believe, offered for the first time.

That the formation of this arch was done by order of the Countess of Oxford, whether to welcome a bride or not, there can be no manner welcome a bride or not, there can be no manner of doubt. In 1727, George Vertue, the celebrated engraver and antiquary (1684-1756), executed a series of five folio plates, measuring 14in. by 8in., for the Countess. This series of etchings on copper are now of extreme rarity. The reproductions here given are taken from a set courteously lent by the Hon. F. Strutt, from his fine collections of Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire MSS. books and views. The first is a ground plan of that part of the park where a ground plan of that part of the park where a ground plan of that part of the park where the Greendale oak stands. On one side of the plan are the monogram, coronet, and motto of the Countess of Oxford and Mortimer, and at the base the statement is made that "These Draughts taken 31 August, 1727."

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of the tree, with wooden railings and a distant woodland view in the background; the upper part of the plate is taken up with a five-line quotation from Ovid's "Metamorphoses," beginning:

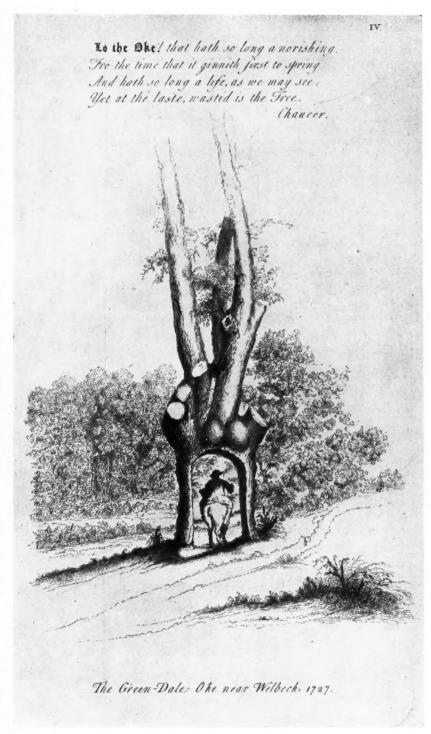
'Sæpe sub hac Drayædes festas duxere choreas."

The third plate gives an angular view of the tree in its entirety to the top of the branches. From the archway, which is half shown, a man on horseback is emerging; at the top are the three opening words of the Chaucer quotation on the next plate, "Lo the Oke!" and below, the same lettering that is at the beautiful the least four pictures. "The the base of all the last four pictures, "The Green Dale Oke near Welbeck, 1727." The fourth picture provides a front view

of the tree, on the opposite side to the last; the whole arch is shown, with a stout countryman riding through, having his back to the spectator, and with a basket on his left arm; a tator, and with a basic on his left arm, a considerable space is shown between the rider's hat and the top of the arch. The upper branches and foliage are not shown, as on the second plate; the upper part of the plate is occupied with a most apposite four-line quotation from Chaucer.

The fifth and last of the series is the most interesting. It gives a picture of the whole tree, and through the artificial opening a four-wheeled, heavy, six-horsed coach of the period is being driven; on the box is a cocked-hat coachman, with whip in right hand, and reins in left, whilst a postillion, also furnished with a whip, rides on one of the leaders. Above are the two words "Una Nemus."

One of the art treasures of Welbeck Abbey is the Greendale cabinet, made from some of the sound wood taken out of this oak in 1724 for the Countess of Oxford. It is a beautiful piece of workmanship, standing 7ft. 6in. high, 6ft. in width, and 2ft. 2in. deep. The front is divided into twelve panels, and there are also three panels at each end. The whole of these eighteen panels are exquisitely inlaid and painted with exact reproductions of Vertue's plates and lettering, illustrative of the Greendale Oak, as just described. A full and technical description of this remarkable piece of furniture was given by the late Mr. Llewellynn Jewitt ("Reliquary," Vol. XXII.) in 1884. Meanwhile, the tree sustained further losses, for the larger of the two remaining limbs disappeared. A new and considerably extended edition ing limbs disappeared. A new and considerably extended edition of Evelyn's "Sylva" was brought out in two volumes by Dr. Hunter in 1786. In it were included (Vol. II., page 199) two coloured plates of the condition of the Greendale Oak in 1775, which were contributed by the third Duke of Portland. They were drawn by S. H. Grimm, and engraved, respectively,



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by Rooker and Nivares. They show the opposite sides of the archway; in the one case a gentleman on horseback is riding away from the spectator through the arch; and in the other two rustics are beneath the arch, the man sitting, and the woman with a hay-rake standing by his side. In each instance the single limb above the trunk is well supplied with a multiplicity of thickly-foliaged small branches. There are also two other outline plates of the same date as the book (1786), showing the damage done in a decade, for most of the smaller branches are stripped from the single limb. These last two plates have dimension marks. The height of the tree was 53ft. 6in., the

dimension marks. The height of the tree was 53ft. 6in., the girth, 10ft. from the ground, 34ft. 10in., the height of the arch 10ft. 2in., and the width of the arch 6ft. 2in.

Major Hayman Rooke issued, in 1790, a short account in quarto of "Remarkable Oaks in the Park of Welbeck," with ten plates. The fifth plate is of the Greendale Oak, from a drawing made in 1779. The oak has a single limb above the arch; within the opening stands a gentleman with his walkingstick raised to touch the top. Major Rooke gives measurements that correspond almost exactly with those of Dr. Hunter. He expressed his opinion that "the famous Greendale Oak was thought to be above 700 years old, and that, from its appearance, thought to be above 700 years old, and that, from its appearance, there is every reason to suppose it has attained that age at

least." The tenth plate gives the actual size of various acorns that had been recently planted by Mr. Speechly, the Duke's gardener. One of these was from the Greendale Oak. In the

gardener. One of these was from the Greendale Oak. In the first year of its growth the infant tree attained a height of 14in., and in the second year it added another 8in. to its stature.

Throsby's edition of Thoroton's "History of Nottinghamshire" was brought out in 1797; it contains an insignificantly small picture of the tree. Throsby more than doubled Major Rooke's conjecture as to its age, thinking that it was quite fifteen centuries old. Of it he well wrote: "This aged decrepit

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careful system of propping and binding together, and otherwise supporting this ancient monarch of the woods, in the days of its

decrepitude, has been steadily pursued.

In Mr. White's excellent work on "Worksop, the Dukeries, and Sherwood Forest," issued in 1875, an engraving was given showing a still vigorous growth of leaf-bearing branches crowning showing a still vigorous growth of leaf-bearing branches crowning
the single limb that rises over the archway, and he was able to
write, "its green boughs spread over a diameter of about 45ft."

Mr. Michie, the Duke of Portland's forester at Welbeck,
has courteously supplied us with the following notes and
measurements of this once noble oak, taken in
November, 1905. The remains of the tree have
much deteriorated during the past six years.

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The single limb still stands up above the archway. There is now only one leaf-bearing bough, extending in an easterly direction from this limb to a distance of 32st. from the trunk. The present height of the arch is 9st. 6in., and the approximate height of the arch is 9tt. 6tn., and the approximate height of the tree 52ft. The girth, 4ft. from the ground, is 30ft. 6in., and the width of the archway 5ft. 6in. Unless the kindliest care were taken of this tree, it would

speedily fall to pieces. great earnestness.

"WELL DRIVEN!"

The Green Dale Oke near Welbech, 1727.

tree, now on its stumps, is propped, in some places capped with lead, and in others barred to hold its limbs together. Only one solitary branch shows signs of life, it has been for centuries expiring; and now, seemingly in its last stage of declining years, braves the storms and tempests of each revolving severe winter. While the winds of heaven blow down towering edifices of stone, and tear up by the roots many a lofty tree, this stands firmly rooted on the propitious soil that gave it birth." When Throsby thus wrote, he probably little thought that the wreck of the tree would still be standing, with a fairly vigorous growth of greenery, a century later. Throughout the nineteenth century a

THE GARDEN.

DEATH OF MR. HENRY ECKFORD. HE name of Eckford is a household word in the home of the gardener, for was it not Eckford who raised the beautiful Sweet Peas which flood our borders with colour and fragrance, and the last variety named Henry Eckford is the most distinct of all. It was described recently in this column, and such a colour, a bright shining orange salmon, is likely to lead by intercrossing to new shades in this lovely flower. This great Sweet Pea hybridist was born near Edinburgh in 1823, and until he started in business on his own account was gardener in various important country seats, but always orking diligently in the raising of new flowers, Verbenas, Dahlias, and Pelargoniums receiving his special atten-tion. We owe much to his last employer, the late Dr. Sankey, who was quick to observe the skill of Mr. Ecklord in raising new flowers and vegetables. This ardent amateur gardener invited Eckford to take care of his gardens at Sandywell, Gloucester, where the crossing of certain races to obtain new forms was carried out with The Sweet Pea had not been until Eckford saw both in this and the edible Pea great possibilities of future colourings. Many of the most lucious of garden Peas were raised by him, and his sorts of Sweet Pea are in every garden where this flower is grown. The list is too lengthy to record. We wonder how many simple garden flowers growing about our doors can be moulded into a variety of forms such as this famous hybridist has accomplished with the Sweet Pea. It is beautiful and beneficent work to bring into the world such flowers as these varieties of the Sweet Pea. They make life sweeter and happier.

EVERGREEN ROSES.

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A group of Roses, not sufficiently considered from the point of view of foliage, is that which we may call quite truthfully the "evergreen," and it is one to which hybridists may well draw more attention. We were looking through the Rose garden a few days ago, and were charmed with the richly-polished shades, bronzy and almost purplish colouring, on some of the shoots of a plant of the creamy-flowered Jersey Beauty against a rough oaken fence. It has made very quick and luxuriant growth, and is a mass of graceful shoots, so thickly set with shining green that it is impossible to see the stems, and this on the threshold of Christmas. The border filled with the Hybrid Chinas, Mme. Eugene Resal and Mme. Laurette Messimy, is quite leafy, and Resal and Mme. Laurette Messimy, is quite leafy, and the younger shoots have a crimson glow, which is charming to see so late in the year. Fellenberg, Aurore, and the Dundee Rambler also show a wealth of foliage, and this is important now that the Rose is planted near the house, where winter colouring is desirable. We should be very glad to receive the names of other Roses that may be called "evergreen." We hope to plant many more of this class, and a longer list than is given here would be welcome. Another phase of Rose beaut, in winter is

given here would be welcome. Another phase of Rose beaut in winter is the fruit, and we are glad to hear that at the next autumn exhibition of the National Rose Society there is to be a class simply for the hips or heps. This should be productive of much good, and give one an idea of the value of the ruddy fruits in the winter garden—Rosa rugosa, R. pomifera (the Apple-fruited Rose), R. lucida, R. alpina, and several of the Penzance Briars. As this is the planting season, a few of the Roses with beautiful heps may well be tried.

COLOURING OF CARNATIONS AND PINKS IN WINTER.
We are not quite sure whether the Pink family has not as much winter as summer beauty. Last spring we planted a long border with hundreds of its

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seedling Pinks, kindly given to the writer by a friend. The border had been well made up previously, the soil light, dry, and sweet, and happily without a trace of wireworm, which is the special enemy of all this race. During the summer the plants increased enormously, until they are now large buxon mounds of silvery grey, which shines in the light of winter days. A few, with some of the best Carnations, are in the Rose garden, the beautiful colouring of the leaf lessening the usual dreariness of such gardens in winter. It will soo be time to plant Carnations and Pinks, although, as we have frequently pointed out, September and early October are the best season for this work. The garden may be quite interesting in the winter when such plants as the Carnation are thought of and grouped with moderate freedom. The Stonecrops and the Saxifrages are very pretty, and the little Sandwort, from the Balearic Islands, creeps over the stones in the rock garden and forms a little mat of verdure.

IMPORTED AND HOME-GROWN LILIES.

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We were recently asked when the golden-rayed Lilium auratum should be purchased in the market. Our first answer to this was to go to a good English house, where the bulbs are sound, and are almost certain to flower freely; those bought at sales are unlikely to give such good results. We consulted "Lilies for English Gardens" on this question, and there found the same advice. It is mentioned that the safe and sure way is to have home-grown bulbs from a house of good repute, and the risky one is to buy imported ones at auction sales. By following the latter course a much larger number of bulbs may be had, but there are likely to be failures. It is a kind of horticultural gambling; the buyer may win a prize of a case of good bulbs at a very cheap rate, or he may draw a blank and be so much the loser. The following advice concerning the treatment of imported bulbs when received is useful: "If on receiving a case of imported bulbs they are found to be limp and flabby, they should, before potting or planting, be put for a time into just damp cocoanut fibre, when they will soon plump up. Sometimes they arrive bruised and partly decayed. The worst had better be burnt at

once; any that seem weak, or have only small, blue mouldy patches, may be benefited by being well dusted with powdered charcoal, or treated with dry, powdered sulphur, getting the cleansing and fungoid-growth-des'roying powder well in between the scales. It is best not to buy imported bulbs of L. auratum early in the season; the first consignments often contain bulbs insufficiently ripened. Those that reach England after Christinas are likely to be better."

THE CAMELLIA AS A GARDEN SHRUB

The flowering of this familiar shrub under glass serves as a reminder of its value in the garden, although it is rarely considered as suitable for this purpose; but it has a greater value than the Laurel, Privet, and the common-place plants which are sold in thousands during the autumn months. We well remember a border of noble Camellias in the old garden of the Royal Horticultural Society at Chiswick, and these must have weathered the storms and frosts of a quarter of a century, perhaps even a greater length of time The flowers were occasionally browned by the cold, but as far as we remember the foliage was never in the slightest degree damaged, remaining bright and fresh through December, January, and February. We so frequently read of the Camellia as a tender shrub that it is well to know such facts as have been given. And how great a change from the Laurel, which has little beauty to recommend it! The Camellia when properly planted makes a full rounded bush, with the handsome glistening green leaves almost kirsing the soil, and the flowers gleam amongst them like big sars, those for the open air being usually of carmine, rose, or crimson colourings. It would be interesting to know how the Camellia succeeds in the Midlands and the North. It is a success, we know, in more than one Sussex garden amongst Azale is and Rhododendrons, and Chiswick is not, of course, blessed with the temperature of Cornwall or Devonshire; but if it is unharmed in the extreme North, it may certainly be c'assed with shrubs for the average garden. The plants are slow in growth, but so are many other things.

THE COMPLETE LABOURER.

T seems not to be generally realised that a good country labourer is the possessor of much skill and not a little experience. Farmers allege that such men are scarce, and enquiry beyond the farms, among foresters and timber merchants and brick-burners, and so on, would probably elicit a similar tale; but those people who write to the papers about the unemployed question do not appear to have any misgivings as to the fitness of the unemployed in towns for labour in the country. They cry out "Back to the land!" as if it were as simple a thing to work on the land as in the stone-breaking yard. They suggest the purchase of farms by boards of guardians as though a farm was a sink into which all the inefficient labour of a parish might be emptied; and they suggest the reclaiming of waste lands and the planting of forests with every appearance of believing that any starving house-painter, tailor, printer's devil, bookbinder, or clerk—any poor wretch who missed his apprenticeship in one trade and has managed to pick up no other—may go and trench up a gorse common and plant it with trees. It must be feared, too, that this misconception is not confined to those people who write to the papers. The opinion is too prevalent everywhere that the average labourer is a man possessed of neither skill nor knowledge. As Dogberry argued that "to read and write comes by nature," so those who read and write, and have little opportunity of seeing how the world goes outside their narrow walk, persuade themselves that the ability to till the ground in the sweat of the face comes by nature likewise, and is the heritage of every son of Adam. It is not very long ago that I heard one who had developed from a schoolmaster to a clergyman talking of the "ignorance" of my working-class neighbours—the gravel-diggers and railway navvies and carters of this parish. He had no suspicion that they might with equal justice return the charge upon himself. He seemed unable to see that, if Greek, and theology, and the educational code are subjects of kno

But though the book-learned will hardly allow it, and though work on the land was never regarded as a "mystery" like other trades, to be protected by guilds or controlled by trades unions, and though the country labourer has always been hampered by the competition of the inefficient, the unemployed, and the pauper, still it is true that the work he has to do requires long practice, considerable skill, and much experience, if it is to be done well. That, at any rate, is the case in England. In Canada, from the accounts one hears, it seems not to matter so much; any man there, who is not afraid of getting tired, seems able to do any kind of work. How that can be so is a mystery of which I have never been able to get an explanation, and I am fain to suppose that the colonial standard of efficiency must be low, that work is not done there in the style we expect at home. For it is simply incredible—and the more one sees of the intricacy and high specialising of labour, the more incredible does it become—that a man who has never handled shovel or hoe or axe or plough can wield all or any one of these tools with the facile accuracy of the genuine English labourer. He may botch the work, get through it somehow, well enough perhaps

for a new country, where labour is scarce, and the return from it large; but I am unable to believe that his labour could be profitably used in England, or that a board of guardians, employing such men on a farm colony, could compete by any fair means in the same market with the struggling farmer, who may hardly succeed even with the best of labour.

The skill of a good farm-hand—that adaptation of nerve tissue and cell, that readiness of muscle to drop into the requisite swing of the work—is a fascinating subject which I cannot enter into in this short paper. Nor may the knowledge he carries with him, the acquaintance with all manner of knacks and methods and niceties undreamt of in libraries and studies, be more than touched upon and then passed by. In a recent article I mentioned the deltness incidental to the pitching of corn sheaves on to a rick, and the hindrance suffered by half-a-dozen men, because one of their number was too clumsy, or too ignorant, to practise it. Instances of the kind might be produced without limit. Does the new employé know, to begin with, across which part of the field to drive the first furrow? or how to prepare the place for a heap of roots? or in what direction, this way or at right angles to it, to lead the harrow? He may be a very willing hand, but he will be a nuisance if he has to be told everything of this sort, because such things are cropping up all day long, and no master can be constantly at a man's back to teach him his duties.

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Leaving all this, however, there remains a further kind of knowledge, of which it is most necessary for the country labourer to have experience nowadays, unless he is to fall into endless difficulties. Without any prejudice against a temporary relief of the town unemployed by drafting them into the country, I am wondering as to their chances in the future if they should take to the life. What is proposed for them by those who would aid them in this way? It cannot be the idea to keep them indefinitely on relief colonies, where their rate-supported labour would compete disastrously against that of other men outside. The objections to such a course are too manifest to allow of its being entertained. But, once he is outside, removed from the supervision and deprived of the protection of the settlement, what is to become of the neophyte labourer? One knows the fate of a tame bird let loose from its cage; and one may fear a resemblance to it in that of the rate-aided man released at last into the open competition of the labour market.

For among the many things it behoves a country labourer to understand, not the least important concerns all the ins and outs of finding where and how to sell his labour; and this is no such simple matter as might be supposed. It happened a good many years ago now, but the circumstance is still spoken of by the older working people of this district, that upon the death of a very philanthropic and enterprising landowner, his estates were broken up, and his workpeople, who had never before had to seek employment, were left to shift for themselves. They did not know how to go on, what to do, or where to go, and the distress and embarrassment they suffered were mentioned to me as lately as last year, forty years after the event. If a Whole Duty of Labourers could be compiled from the talk of the more

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experienced among them, a large place in it would be occupied by maxims upon the importance of knowing how to look for work, and upon what terms to take it.

Is this the sort of knowledge that comes by nature? Imagine, say, a baker, who, however, has learnt to hoe mangold under the superintendent of a colony for a weekly allowance out of the rates. He goes to a farmer and is offered a job of hoeing, piecework at so much an acre. Does le know what an acre is? or what proportion of it he may hope to get over in a day? or how to measure what he has done? or what is the fair price for such work? or if the land is in a normal condition, or so foul or heavy as to justify him in demanding a better wage? It is no business of the farmer's to inform him on these points, but a mistake may be calamitous to himself. And this is only in one operation, that takes up but a week or two in the year. The same problem, under new conditions, presents itself when the mangold crop is to be lifted, or the potatoes are to be dug, or the land is to be cleaned for the next sowing. And a man who is to prosper as a labourer must be as conversant with the conditions as any other man of business is conversant with the market where he drives his bargains. A really expert reaper or hoer seems to know by instinct, in his bones, how much ground he is covering as he goes over it, and he has the current market value of the work at his fingers' ends.

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Nor does this complete the sum of worldly wisdom owned by those unlettered men whom the student too readily supposes ignorant. I cannot go into it here—I know too little about it to speak with confidence—but there is, without doubt, an etiquette of the fields just as there is a rule of the road; and a man at work on the land with others should know what is due to them, as well as what he has a right to expect for himself. Three men hoeing in the same field cannot be appealing to the master to allot to them their several portions of the work, any more than they may waste time in disputing among themselves as to the partition; but they must work together in the manner prescribed by long-recognised custom. One seldom hears of these customs away from the fields where they are observed, but that they are numerous may be readily divined, and it is easy to understand how important they are.

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To return to the starting-point, the problem of the unemployed is not one to be trifled with or made the toy of political parties. Some of us, who were brought up on Carlyle's "Past and Present," are old-fashioned enough to believe that no

panacea—that, in fact, nothing at all but wise government and commercial and social honesty—will avail to heal the disorder. Cool thinking, too, is necessary. If indeed an attempt to colonise our own English soil will produce some amelioration in the lot of the unemployed, without injury to agriculture and normal country labour, then no doubt the attempt ought to be made. But no man should delude himself into the belief that by hasty schemes of temporary relief a truly accomplished and useful peasantry is to be manufactured. That is a natural growth of the soil; very valuable for the reason that it cannot be artificially produced.

A real labourer has been in my mind while writing; a man I do not know intimately, but who is as effective as most men one will meet. In the last two or three years I have known of him at work on new buildings, on the railway as navvy, in fields digging sea-kale, in gravel-pits: at piecework if he can arrange it so, but always commanding the best price where he is paid by the day. One day towards the end of August I met his mother—a tough old person over seventy—and I asked after her son. She had "been to pay his club," she said. "He pays into three clubs, so he don't mean to be hard up" if he should fall sick. And where was he working? Well, he had "chucked up" his job upon some alterations to a bridge over the river, "because when it rained he lost so much time there," and he had, with his mother and a brother, gone harvesting. Yes, and they had done very well, too. "I earnt a new pair o' boots," the old woman said, "twistin' straw bands for 'em, an' so on. . . . But then, 'twas piecework, and he could earn some money." An offer of further harvesting for another farmer was refused, because it was day work. "It's goin' to be a bad winter,' he says, 'and we must earn all we can while we got the chance.'" So, with a view to the hop-picking to follow, he took a piece of work at "paring," as they call it, in the hop-grounds; and, applying at the same time to be put on as assistant hop-dryer when the picking should begin, he failed to get that, but was engaged for a "pole-puller," several weeks in advance of the season.

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I often think of this man and his grave, good-tempered face. So quiet he is, so sure of himself, so sensible, versatile, accomplished. And when bookish people talk of the labourer's "ignorance," or social reformers speak as if anyone could do labouring, I often wish I could confront them with this typical specimen of his class, and show them what a highly-developed product a labourer really is.

George Bourne.

OUR YORKSHIRE MERLIN.

THE Yorkshire merlins—occupying a sort of intermediate place between those which have become domiciled in Wiltshire, or in South Wales, and the more hardy inhabitants of Scotland and the Orkney Islands—appear to be more capricious in their characters and aptitudes

than either of the others. Some very excellent eyesses have been produced on the wolds of the East Riding; and occasionally a nest found in the West or North Riding contains in it more than one good performer. But our experience of the young hawks bred in this big county has, on the whole, been



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unfavourable; and, accordingly, although we have in many past unfavourable; and, accordingly, although we have in many past years bespoken an eyrie from the wild districts near the Pennine Range, we have come to regard it as a sort of toss-up whether it would contain a vigorous and promising lot of youngsters or a family of peevish, sullen, or lazy fledgelings. Thus it was with a curiosity not unmixed with misgivings that we undid the fastenings of the padded round hamper which had travelled down in the guard's van through the comparatively cool hours of the July night to our Southern home, where the hawks were to be "put out to hack." And, when the lid of the wicker prison had been cautiously turned back, our doubts, instead of into an acute stage. All proffers of food on the end of a finger or a stick were rejected with scorn and contempt. Even when the patient—presumably hungry after his long fast—was tilted at with the stick in a rather aggressive way, and, resenting such impertinence, opened his beak in an angry mood, so that by an adroit movement a scrap of meat could be slipped into the halfopen mouth, no sooner did he feel the intruding substance than
with a disdainful shake of his head he flipped it away. Halfan-hour of these well-meant endeavours and undeserved rebuffs
was almost too much for our patience; and the rest of us gave up the ungrateful task in disgust, leaving Ajax, who persisted in maintaining that the hawk was a great prize, to administer to him a good



BATHING IN A SECLUDED SPOT.

being dissipated, were much increased. Instead of the four, or at least three, little brown-clad creatures we had expected to see, only one was lying on his breast upon the thin layer of straw, intermingled with which could be discerned snow-white flecks of silky down shed by the little traveller during his long, jolting His brother and his two sisters, as we were afterwards journey. His brother and his two sisters, as we were afterwards informed, had escaped capture, as the hawk-catcher had delayed for one day too long the attempt to lay hands upon the fast-growing family; and this was a story which we could very easily believe, for the almost uniformly dark brown plumage of our one eyess, flecked only here and there with tiny remnants of down, showed plainly that he had been unusually "well taken," by which expression falconers mean that a young hawk has been left in the evrie until the very last

mean that a young hawk has been left in the eyrie until the very last moment when he can be caught up without escaping by taking wing. About this we could have no doubt; but as to the merits or demerits of the newcomer no one of us could make up his mind off-hand. In the first place, our little friend was of such a puzzling size that it seemed impossible to say whether he was of the worthier or less worthy sex. He was almost as much too big to be a "jack" as he was too small to be a "merlin." Then his eyes were so bright, and his attitude so indicative of vivacity and strength, that we were at first tempted to believe that were at first tempted to believe that we had at last found a treasure in him. Yet, on the other hand, his inactivity and inattention when tempting morsels of fresh food were held out to him on the end of a

skewer, seemed to betoken an apa-

skewer, seemed to betoken an apathetic, or at least a sluggish, nature, which boded ill for his usefulness in the field later on. A nearer inspection and a longer observation only augmented our difficulties. For the feet, though abnormally large for a jack, were lamentably small for a merlin. A jack's hood could with difficulty be forced on to his head; and yet when a merlin's hood was fitted on it was undeniably too loose, and looked as if it could be pulled of whenever the wearer began to scratch at it with his foot, as the habit of all hawks is when they are first adorned with that becoming headgear. becoming headgear.

But it was when we began to try in earnest to induce our young friend to eat that our doubts and difficulties developed

half-crop. I have good reasons for believing that as soon as our backs were turned Ajax seized the reluctant feeder round the waist in the most unorthodox style, and, forcing open his mouth, stuffed strips of meat down his throat, using the wooden skewer as a sort of ramrod. But, anyhow, Ajax succeeded where we had failed; and he was accordingly appointed the trainer of this unpromising pupil. In due course this latter was turned out to hack, having been — rather prematurely — named Velox. "Because, don't you know," said Ajax, "whether he's male or female, that name will be right." And this ques-tion, as well as the doubt whether the hawk was a good or bad feeder, "COUNTRY LIFE."

said Telemachus—a silly question; for none of us could persuade the other whether the tail feathers had an inch or more or less to come down; and, according to the nearest guess we could make, when they were down, the length of the hawk would be exactly 11½ in., which, according to the books, is the maximum length for a jack.

according to the books, is the maximum length for a jack, and the minimum for a merlin. Well, as soon as Velox was fully "summed," a new dispute arose. For Ajax declared that fully "summed," a new dispute arose. For Ajax declared that he had seen him—at 5 a.m.—soaring like a wild hawk, whereas Telemachus asserted that he had watched him flying from day to day, and would bet any amount that he could not keep up with a blackbird in fair flight. His next vagary was to become a "screamer"; and then we insisted that Ajax should



DEPOSITED ON A WHEAT-STOOK.

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take him up before he infected the other hack-hawks with that take him up before he infected the other hack-nawks with that dreadful vice. Taken up accordingly he was, and kept hooded almost all his time, either on a cork-topped block or on the screen-perch, except when he had his bath in a secluded spot where none of the other hawks could see or hear him. But Ajax could do nothing with him. When he was taken out to be flown to the lure he would go to perch on a fallen log or a post, and begin screaming as if he thought he had been hatched into the world for no other purpose. This vocal exercise seemed to absorb all his energies, so

that he had none left for flying or doing anything useful or innocent.

We accordingly altered his name to "Vox Et Præterea Nihil"—rather a lengthy appellation for a small hawk, but more appropriate than the other, to which he seemed to have forfeited all title or pretensions. And, when we arrived with our other merlins at our hawking country, we took Vox out to near the end of our beat, depositing him carefully on one of the wheat-stooks, and there left him to take his chance as he might. It was four days before we saw that hawk again. But, on the fourth day, after Telemachus had thrown off his merlin Violet at a ringing lark, and as Violet was labouring to get above her quarry, up came a big-looking jack, passing over our heads mountains high, and, joining his efforts with those of the merlin, bested the lark and took it in the air. The two hawks came fluttering to the ground with their prize, and Telemachus, as soon as he could get up to



HOODED ALMOST ALL THE TIME.

them, was heard shouting, "Here, Ajax! here's your Vox, with his foot on the quarry." The jack had left off screaming and playing the fool in other ways; and, resuming his old name, turned out one of the best of our whole lot.

IN THE WAKE OF THE WILD GOOSE

HE Solway and its coasts, once the debatable ground of raider and riever, free-lance and moss-trooper, breathing memories of Border foray, smuggling bout and cattle raid, hold now no fiercer antagonists than the rival fisher and fowler, no worse disturber of the peace than the punter's gun. True, the old fire flickers now and again when Bowness men hap upon Scottish stake nets in their waters, or Bowness men hap upon Scottish stake nets in their waters, or when the Annan puntsman is baulked of a good thing in midchannel by some "Allonby Tom"! The rival shores are of such varied character as to suit the taste of most wildfowl. Miles of alluvial flats appeal to the wader tribe, while the stretches of salt marsh—or merse as it is called on the Dumfriesshire side—intersected by shallow "floshes" and fresh-water creeks, are preferred by snipe, wild duck, widgeon, and geese. The marshes are a mixed blessing to their owners for those these is always are a mixed blessing to their owners, for though there is always abundance of sweet grass for their cattle, even in the severest summer drought, yet, on the other hand, their position is not immune from the danger of tides, which the reader of "Redgauntlet" will remember as a



ON THE CORK-TOPPED BLOCK.

swift peril to the unwary stranger. Wild scenes have been wit-

nessed when even a moderate tide, catalogued as 18ft., conspires with a fierce south-west wind and comes up two hours before its appointed time, rushing up gullies and creeks and submerging the marshes in an incredibly short space. The tide, when thus reinforced, sweeps over the sandy estuaries and up the intersecting creeks as fast as a horse can gallop, threatening each minute to cut off the retreat of the herd of cattle which the guardian herdsmen, now alarmed at the well-known thunder of the distant Bore, are driving headlong towards some inland refuge. But it is no easy matter to control the course of seven or eight hundred terrified beasts, and as the water pursues them they can no longer be kept to the track which leads over a succession of wooden bridges to higher ground, but plunge and flounder madly to right and left. A scene of wilder confusion can hardly be imagined—a riot of tumbling brown waves where half-an-hour

imagined—a riot of tumbling brown waves where half-an-hour since stretched miles of green grass land, the whole Solway seething from shore to shore, wind howling, sea-birds screaming, cattle blaring, the barking of dogs and shouting of men, and above all a surging roar of many waters. Some of the panic-stricken cows swim straight out to sea, while sheep are more often washed inland and left drowned on the hedges. In some instances cattle from the English Border have been known to swim four or five miles, and have been found several days afterwards on the Scottish miles, and have been found several days afterwards on the Scottish side of the flood.

Seeing the capricious nature of the Solway and her tides, it behoves the fowler to study her moods and acquaint himself with the tide-table, and also with the lie of the land and the position of the main creeks, "for he that dreams on the bed of Solway may wake in the next world." Once cut off, he may have half-a-dozen of these small rivers to swim before be can gain the mainland, and one sportsman, at least, before now has had to sacrifice his gun and swarm a cattle-post for safety until the tide ebbed. Another danger lies in the sands over which one is often tempted to take a short cut or to venture across to pick up birds. You may cross them ninety-nine times in salety, at a light trot, but the hundredth time you may be betrayed into a quicksand, and then Heaven help you. A waste of waters in ront of you, miles of lonely marsh behind, no shouting will be of the slightest avail, and even a volley from your gun will fail to attract attention. Moreover, every effort you make will sink you attract attention. Moreover, every effort you make will sink you another inch. Some of the shifting sands are not more than 4ft. or 5ft. deep, and the victim, fast bound in his living grave, may watch all day for the returning tide, which will cover him as relentlessly as if he were a bunch of marsh-mallow. But we will not paint the scene further; only the pen of a Poe could adequately describe the final horror of the struggle, after which the sudden eno a b a c all con

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n f, cessation of footprints and a slight moisture upon the surface are the only clue chanced upon by searchers next day. Curiously enough, a horse or cow, notwithstanding his forty odd stone, will often pass a soft place where no man will ever get through, for a biped is, as it were, strapped down at once by his instep, whereas a cow draws his hoof out of the hole at the same angle as it went in. Still the "miring" of cattle is of common occurrence, and all available hands from the neighbouring farms are at once commandeered to assist in the digging and "dancing" out of the unfortunate animals.

The feathered folk of the marshes mingle fearlessly with the cattle, and some years ago a successful experiment was made by one enterprising sportsman with a dummy cow—a practice resorted to on the marshes of Andalusia. This cow was cleverly contrived in painted wood with joints at the neck and legs, and the whole made to fold up flat and fit into the bottom of a punt. The owner's first experience was slightly unpleasant, owing to the unrestrained curiosity of the entire herd of cattle through which he had to fight his way and seek safety in flight. After this he placed the dummy on the edge of a sand-bank in midstream—far from the madding crowd—and took up his position behind it in good time before the flight. This subterfuge was, however, chiefly devised to get at the flocks of green and golden player.

But the glory of the Solway from Wigtown Bay and the Caves of Ellangowan to the estuaries of the Esk and Eden is the wild goose, verily the "Laird of the Solway Lochs." It is surmised that the grey geese migrate from the East of Europe to Ireland, and that the Solway, a stage short of their journey's end, is found to be an agreeable winter resort by considerable numbers of them. The brent and barnacle, which usually appear by twos and threes, or in small "gaggles" later in the autumn, hail from the Arctic regions, and reach the Solway either by the western coast of Scotland, or viā the North Sea from Norway and overland. Four out of the seven distinct species of wild geese which haunt British shores are regular winter visitants to these salt marshes—the pink-foot, grey-lag, bean, and barnacle. The little black brent, the most numerous of all wild geese elsewhere, is here a rara avis indeed, and being really a sea goose is seldom met with in the upper reaches of the Solway, though further out flocks of over a hundred are sometimes observed, but seldom got at, for the brent is the wildest and wariest of his race.

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The white-fronted goose, common enough here in bygone years, is to-day very casual in his visits, though a few have been seen, and killed, from time to time on either shore, their shrill note earning for them the local sobriquet of "Squeakers." The handsome barnacles were, until lately, by far the most abundant, but it is locally supposed that the transition state of the foreshores, and the consequent disappearance of certain new tender grass or "plaitings" which they were wont to feed on, is to blame for their truancy. Of the three kinds of grey geese, the bean and pink-foot are the commonest, and appear in companies of 300 and 400 and more. The grey-lags are much scarcer, and their deep, garrulous note is easily distinguished from the short call-note of the pink-foot, or the falsetto tones of the bean goose. Grey geese arrive late in September or early in October, according to rough weather in the North, and vary their sojourn by frequent inland trips to moor and stubbles. But be it understood that a wild goose stalk in the Solway district means no skulking behind corn-stooks in sheltered, low-lying crofts, and nice dry stubble. No; in the flat, treeless marshes and sand stretches, devoid of any vestige of cover, over which we follow our prey, the chances are more often in favour of the stalked than of the stalker. It is a joyous day for the fowler when the first "clang" is heard overhead, and the first skein of wild geese comes out of the East and over the Fells, to pitch in serried ranks upon merse and mud-flat.

The three recognised modes of warfare are by punt, stalking by daylight, and flighting after dark. Of the three, punting is the most agreeable while autumn lasts. What can be more delightful on a warm October day than to push off into the still, clear world of waters—that world voiced by an eternal ripple at your side and a hundred unheeding birds at work and play? Far in the distance behind you may hear the diminuendo of a train faring North, or the mellow sounds of lowing cattle; but, as you dip your paddle and steer seaward, the siren song of gulls lures you ever westward to the realm of Heart's Desire. No puntsman, however matter-of-fact, but must yield some time to the autumn enchantment of his chosen hunting-ground. But when winter sets in begins the strenuous life of long, cold driftings in bitter wind, of lengthy manœuvres with arms plunged in icy salt water, and hands frozen to the paddles, the punt rigged in white sheeting to harmonise with snow and drift ice. The puntsman must not only know his tide-table by heart, but the different currents of the frith, its deep channels, its shoals and sand-banks. He must combine the resource of Robinson Crusoe with the science of a navigating officer. He must watch the wind, the water, the birds, judge his distance, handle his paddles and his trigger

almost simultaneously—and here be it remarked that some of the oldest, canniest, and most successful of our Solway puntsmen do not handle their triggers; they fire with their teeth, by means of a piece of string attached to the trigger and passed through a hole bored in the stock.

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A stalk by daylight is generally accomplished by following some creek which is likely to join the river near that part of the shore where the geese are gathered. The creek may wind for a mile or two, and there will be difficulties to negotiate in slithery mud and rustling sea-aster clumps, and the chance of disturbance by putting up snipe or duck, or, worse than these, the alarmist redshank—nicknamed the "yalper" on these shores. At first you get along pretty comfortably—that is, as long as you can use your feet; but soon it becomes necessary to descend to hands and knees, and at last your caution suggests a mode of progress something between that of a frog and an eel. Lying flat on your chest, by dint of elbows and feet you worm and wriggle your way along the slimy edges of the creek, keeping your gun out of the wet as best you can, and not daring to show your head above the creek-side, but guided and encouraged by the spasmodic conversation of the geese on the shore. Now you will have leisure to regret the folly of stiff coilar, leather gaiters, and cartridge-bag—if you have so handicapped yourself—for the first will war cruelly with your chin, the second will squeak noisily, and the third keep bobbing for ever about your ears! At length a turn in the course shows the opening of the creek, beyond which you get a peep of "the broad mirror of the Solway Frith" and the soft blue outline of distant hills. Cautiously you advance to the opening—they may be just round the corner or 100yds. off. Reaching the outlet, you mix yourself with a few tussocks of earth torn from the mainland by high tides, and discover your objective to the left, some 80yds. off—300 respectable, well-to-do grey and white birds busily picking tit-bits off the tide-washed sand, and giving vent to enthusiastic ejaculations between the mouthfuls.

There is something peculiarly aldermanic about a goose—his pomposity, his portly gait, his voice in civic council, not to mention his fish dinners. To get within shot it is now necessary to court the shelter of the overhanging bank, and creep care ully among the scattered turf clods that strew the sloping beach. Resting now and again, you greedily count the birds, and the ignoble desire for a three-bore loaded with shrapnel defiles the sportsman's breast for a mean second. The flock spreads out in mottled glory over half an acre of sand, all 300 busily intent, as I have said before, on dining well. Yet if you observe keenly you will notice that at each end of the feeding multitude—and, perhaps, also on the outskirts—are one or two elderly birds who have evidently finished their dessert and seem lost in meditation, or, may be, are indulging in a post-prandial nap.

Trust not these old gentlemen. If you do—that is to say, if you are deceived by the belief that they are as preoccupied as the rest—and raise your head half an inch too high, the result will inevitably be disastrous to your stalk. Instantaneously the wary sentinel will turn and fix you with beady eye and stiffened neck, and, by some telepathic flash, his knowledge of danger and its whereabouts will be transmitted to the host. With one impulse 300 birds stop guzzling, 300 necks rise erect and rigid, 600 shining boot-button eyes focus you, and a second's terrible silence ensues. Then, with outraged roar, they rise (just out of shot, mind you) and sail majestically seaward, their voices returning again and again on the breeze, in distant outbursts of derision.

The humbler sportsmen of the district prefer night shooting—for obvious reasons. Knowing the exact line of flight, they will sit smoking for hours in a damp "dub," yarning in monotones, and impervious to cold, until a distant gaggling warns them the geese are on the wing, and coming up the Solway. Where two or three of these worthies are out together, the usual procedure is for all to fire together as the dark bodies sweep overhead. "Wan, twa, three—pull" (to rhyme with hull). A scarlet blaze in the darkness, a roar of black powder, a commotion in the air, and the three men wait breathlessly for what they half expect, yet wholly hope against. One thud! After retrieving the bird, they separate and search up and down the creek for wounded, but without success.

Now, what is to be done to decide the ownership of this one grey goose?—market value, 2s.; home value, a week's butcher's bill. Simple enough. The trio repair to the nearest inn, where, before a cheerful fire, and "summat t' keep t' cauld oot," a pack of cards soon decides the question of possession, and he who "catches the ten" claims the goose. And as the winner tramps homeward in the moonlight with bulging bag, one may perchance hear him chuckling to himself, "Gey lucky they niver noticed me gun missed fire. A mun be airly astir to lift yon other guse A hid amang t' seeves"—which might infer that the speaker counted other species beside the Anser brachyrhynchus abroad that night!

MILLICENT VON BOESELAGER.



N the time when the Christmas numbers of illustrated papers gave their readers more generously of those tales which by tradition should be to'd at Christmas, an editor of such a paper was questioned concerning the quality of one of his illustrators. "He may be of no great account as an artist," said the editor, "but as a moated-grangist he has no equal." The wood-engraver of the great school of the sixties and seventies wrought for many such masters. The raven sat on the withered bough and looked over the dark moat to croak his warning toward the walls in whose one lit window you saw the shadow of the doomed lord's face; the wandering heir came haggard in his rags to the moat's edge and peered across to the ancient stones of his father's house; and into the same black water the ruffians, reckless of the laws of household sanitation as of the statutes of the realm, dropped the fearful witness of their deed of darkness. Even by day the arts have made for us a sombre thing of the moated house. William Morris added to the first and bestremembered of his moats a mouldering shallop, above whose gunwale you saw "a dead man's stiffened feet." Mariana was in the moated grange, and no one came to share her long vigil in that lonely place, for the moat was between her and all light-hearted and worldly things.

Into all these fancies of the poet and painter something of Baddesley Clinton is woven, for Baddesley Clinton is the moated house of our English dreams, a low-built house of grey stone walls, still stout to keep out the modern and the commonplace, a house of panelled rooms and mullioned windows, lit with armories. Such houses in our own days are apt to shed their lords. In England successful commerce and the newly-gained million pay homage to that love of old places and old enduring things which every Englishman loves in his heart, and venerable beauty in a house has its well-considered market value; therefore, our first question at sight of an ancient home may well ask whose money has last bought it.

At Baddesley Clinton we have no such clashing of old and new. The lady who has now her seat here is widow of a gentleman of an old name. Marmion Edward Ferrers, the last Ferrers squire of Baddesley, was the last of a line of lords of this place which began with the marriage, about 1498, of his ancestor, Sir Edward Ferrers, with Constance Brome, the heiress of Baddesley. But the ancestry of Marmion Ferrers mounted much higher than the marriage which brought in Baddesley Hall. The boast of having "come in with the Conqueror" is one which we still hear about us on all sides



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from respectable families who would be hard pressed to find sound warrant for their boast, and the genealogist knows how few and rare are the cases in

which even probability might support it. Yet the descent of Marmion Ferrers from one who came to these shores in a Norman ship cannot be doubted; and this ancestor at the head of the pedigree was no obscure swordsman, no mere name in a charter which can be pieced to the next name in the pedigree by the reasoned arguments of a patient antiquary. The Ferrers ancestor is one who lives in the full light of history and record, being son of that Walkelin who, before the Conquest, perished in his feud with the lord of Montfort. with the lord of Montfort. Ferrers, from which Henry of Ferrers took his name, is Ferrières St. Hilaire in Normandy. Henry, the son of Walkelin, fought at Hastings, if we may believe Wace, and his share of English land was cer-tainly that of one who had brought great aid to his duke. When William's commissioners passed through the country, counting its lordships and its pigs and ploughs, its landlords and its serfs, Henry of Ferrers was one of those who made the reckoning of Worcestershire for that Domesday Book which sets against his own name a vast estate of more than two hundred manors, one hundred and fourmanors, one hundred and four-teen of these being in Derbyshire. In Staffordshire he had Tutbury Castle for his chief seat, beside which he and his wife Bertha founded Tutbury

Priory. If Henry, the son of Walkelin, gave his King good





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service in exchange for his new lands, he was the last of his line

for several generations of whose loyalty the King might have pleasure. His son Robert, a warrior who led when the Scots were broken at Northallerton before the standard of the English, did indeed serve King Stephen, who made of him an Earl of Derby; but Stephen, it may be urged, is called usurper in the history books, and the succeeding Earls of Derby were each after the other thorns in their Kings' sides and grit in their teeth. Earl William suptheir teeth. Earl William sup-ported King Henry's rebellious heir-apparent in arms against his Nottingham, which was held for the King. He jangled with Richard of the Lion Heart, who for a while took his earldom from He died a crusader before Acre in 1190, and was followed by his son the long-lived Earl William. This earl was confirmed in his earldom by King John, and was also a crusader, but one who had the luck to come home alive from the perils of desert warfare. He married a daughter of the Earl of Chester, by which marriage came the manor of Chartley, a manor which was lately advertised for sale by one of his descendants.

The next earl, another William, made two marriages to his great enrichment, the one with a sister of the Earl of Pembroke, and the other with a daughter of an Earl of Winchester, but wealth, as the copybooks remind us, does not bring happiness. It brought to Earl William its familiar chastisement of the gout, which evil so afflicted him that he could at

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up in arms with the barons. He was at Lewes when the King of

England and his son, with the King of the Romans,

were prisoners to the barons, but in the end his warrings brought

him to utter mis-fortune. His castle

of Tutbury was thrown down, and

a vast sum which he had pledged himself to pay for

the redemption of

his lands remaining unpaid, the great Ferrers estates passed to the Earl of Lancaster. He

had been taken prisoner as he hid

amongst wool sacks in Chester-field church after

last sit no more in his saddle as became a great military tenant of the crown, but rode evermore in a cart. Illuminations of the thirteenth century do not picture for us an English cart or chariot in which easeful driving might be enjoyed by an elderly nobleman in agonies of gout, and Earl William's chariot seems to have been no better than its fellows. As he drove over the bridge of St. Neots on an April day of 1254, the earl was jolted to the ground, and died of the shock, as is related in the

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the failure of his Derbyshire revolt, and he lay for years in prison, and did not long survive his release. His earldom of Derby followed his lands, and his son John was summoned to Parliament as a

baron only.

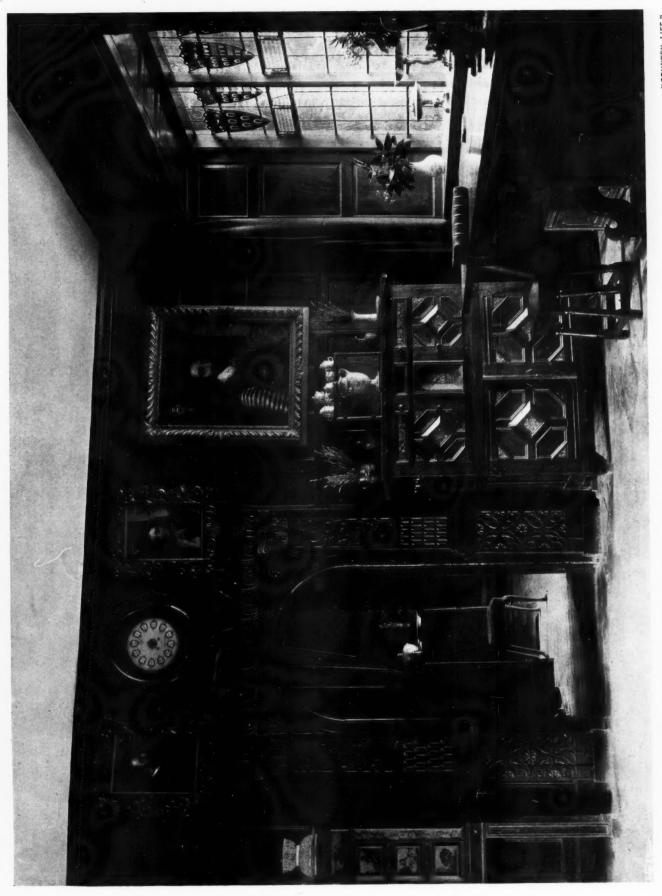
From William Ferrers of Groby, a second son of the earl who was thrown from his cart on the bridge of St. Neots, descended the Ferrers family of Baddesley Clinton. Groby passed by an heiress to the Greys, and a cadet line went on at Tamworth. From a younger son of Ferrers of Tamworth was born Sir Edward Ferrers, who, by marriage with Constance Brome, became lord of Baddesley Clinton.



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Of Nicholas Brome, the father of Constance, we have something more than names and dates. This high-spirited gentleman was the mirror of that side of the middle ages which endears them to the studious schoolboy. John Brome, his father, a Lancastrian partisan, had been stabbed by Richard Herthill, the king-maker's steward, in the porch of the Whitefriars church in London, his wicked son Thomas laughing at his father's woe; but Nicholas Brome, fiercely dutiful, met his father's slayer three years afterwards, in Longbridge field, and slew him in his path. This was not the only occasion which saw Nicholas Brome's steel bare, for a story recorded by his descendant,

Henry Ferrers, who was born a generation after his death, tells that in a moment of anger he killed his chaplain in Baddesley hall. This Henry Ferrers, who died in his eighty-fifth year, in 1633, was an antiquary who supported Dugdale in his Warwickshire labours, and began, it may be at Baddesley Clinton, that tradition for preserving the memorials of its past which gives the house its peculiar distinction.

In the Civil War-time the lord of Baddesley was not found in arms for the King, but squire Edward Ferrers and his son Henry could have had small love for the Parliament whose officers plundered the household. A manuscript quoted by the

Rev. Henry Norris of Tamworth, in an excellent monograph on Baddesley Clinton, recites and appraises the losses, telling how a bright bay and a grey were led away by a troop of horse, one of them with its rich plush saddle trimmed round about the skirts with a gold lace and a gold fringe, and how at the same time arms and armour, gunpowder and ready cash from a desk, a Geneva Bible and the linen from the drying-room were carried off by Hawksworth's troopers. But the household stayed out the storm, and the restoration of King Charles saw the Ferrers family still safe at home upon their lessening estate, to which

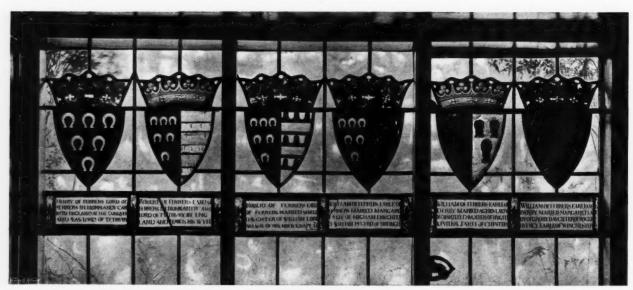
they could add little in those centuries which kept those of their faith from employment under the state; for the chief boast of the lords of Baddesley has long been their fidelity to the Roman church, whose priests have often ministered in these walls at the risk of life and liberty.

The nineteenth century saw Marmion Edward Ferrers, the last squire of the line, living at Baddesley a life which made of his old house and park a grave hermitage for one who escaped therein all the insistence of modern life. His picture, painted by his wife, shows a figure which might well be mistaken for



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that of his ancestor, the unwilling host of the Parliament's raiders, a figure to which the painted moat and walls make a fitting background. The likeness of his faithful friend Captain Dering, who saved Baddesley from passing away for ever from the name of Ferrers, must be

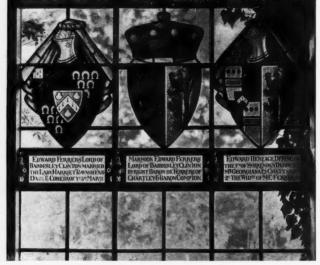
the name of Ferrers, must be set beside it, a second of these recluses clad in velvet breeches and buckled shoes, the dress commonly worn by them in their retreat. The moat is crossed by a brick bridge of two arches, by which the house is entered through an archway under an embattled tower, whose details seem to show that it is of no very ancient date, although when seen in the distance it gives a certain distinction to this, the north-eastern front of the hall. Two of our illustrations give a view of the ancient door, studded with iron bolts, which keeps the house at the inner end of the bridge. The buildings without the bridge, and topped with a weather-vane and clock, are the stables.

The house within the bounds of the moat runs on three sides of a quadrangle, enclosing a pleasant garden with brick paths running

between close-mown turf and clipped yew bushes. Our picture of this inner court shows much of the restoration and building work made by the late Captain Dering. On the north-western side the garden is bounded by the low wall over which the

bushes thrust themselves towards the water of the moat. The old house is rich in panelled rooms, with mantel-pieces of carved work. The great hall, lying on the left as the courtyard is entered, has a noble fireplace, with the arms of Ferrers quartering

Brome of Baddesley (three sprigs of broom on a cheveron), Hampden, and White. The work is evidently of the first half of the seventeenth century. The fire-dogs of cast iron on the open hearth will be remarked, and amongst other plenishing of the room the curious panelled press which stands under the portrait of a cavalier of the house of Dering—a press which is here in good keeping with its architectural surroundings. Beside this press begins the long series of shields of the alliances of the house of Ferrers, some of which are illustrated by us—a series beginning with the arms of the six horseshoes attributed to Henry Ferrers, who came in at the Conquest before shields of-arms began amongst us, and ending with three shields set up by Mrs. Dering to commemorate the last Edward Ferrers and Marmion Ferrers his son, and Edward Heneage Dering, her



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THE CENTRE WINDOW.

second husband. Some of the glass in the earlier of these shields—those of the Earls of Derby—may be of the seventeenth century, and they show by their affecting the form of mediæval shields that they were set up in a house of antiquaries.



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In Baddesley Clinton shields of arms are met at every turn, and those who, like Mr. Frank Osbaldeston, do not "know the figures of heraldry," will be amazed by the constant confrontation of their mysteries. The great fireplace in the dining-room is decorated with a carved wooden panel of the arms of Ferrers of the Groby line, being those of their ancestors the Quenci Earls of Winchester. of Winchester. The drawing-room fireplace has the same arms quartered with White of South Warnborough, commemorating the match of Henry Ferrers the antiquary with Jane White, in 1582, and the fireplace of the state bed-chamber has Ferr quartering Hampden with a scutcheon of the arms of White. Ferrers

The decorations within the house show that three periods may be reckoned with for the chief dates in its history. The shell is that of the ancient home of the Bromes of Baddesley as it came to the house of Ferrers, but it is evident that within doors money and work were spent freely in the days of Edward Ferrers, the son of the antiquary. Last of all we have the black and white timber-work and other rebuildings, designed by Captain Dering, who, at his coming, must have found the ancient place suffering somewhat from age and from enforced neglect.

That the calm graces and ancient peace of Baddesley Clinton



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RECESS IN THE HALL.

may ever gain for the house those who will maintain it in all its beauty of to-day, must be the wish of all who have been happy enough to cross the bridgeway of this noble old hall. H. B.

PRECEDENCE 63 THE PRIME MINISTER.

HE coming of a new government to power has brought us to the consideration of those strange many of compromises under which our state is organised, and of the precedent upon precedent which have at last made our administration the affair of a Prime Minister and a Cabinet.

Cabinet and Prime Minister have both in their day been terms of reproach in English mouths, even as Whig and Tory were once the epithets thrown by angry partisans. A Cabinet Council was for long a phrase to rouse the passions of the jealous commons, as standing for a thing un-English, a tyrannous device; and even at a time when all political power seemed lodged in the plump hands of Sir Robert Walpole, that great

statesman was ready to cast back "prime minister" in the teeth

of those who applied the words to him.

A Cabinet is still a word unrecognised by the laws, a word not discoverable in acts of parliament or in the formal language of parliamentary business. It was found in an address to Queen Anne, and the houses protested at once against the careless use of "a word unknown in our law"; and so late as the year of the Great Exhibition a resolution of a committee of the commons was thrown aside by reason of its naming of "Cabinet Ministers"—officials who, although sitting in full view upon the government benefits a superscript of the constitution and without leading the constitution and the constit ment benches, were unseen by the constitution and without legal

position in our country.

But since this present December of 1905, evidence is forthcoming for the existence of a Prime Minister, a proclamation in
the Gazette not only naming such an officer of state, but assigning
him a certain precedence in state ceremonial. For sufficient
reasons, this proclamation disturbs us. Ancient compromise is
offended by it in more than one quarter. The Cabinet may be said to receive recognition in the recognition of the chief officer of the Cabinet, and sovereign and people are thereby reminded that government by Cabinet is no longer an arrangement allowed by their tacit consent, but a domination in being in which both have little part. For individual members of a Cabinet are upon heights where is no choosing by popular suffrage, and the absence of the first two Georges, bored by discussions in a tongue imperfectly understood by them, bred a custom of absence which in the end excluded that George who was "born and bred in England," and his descendants after him, from the chair in which our sovereigns once sat amongst their ministers. than this, the proclamation sets a seal upon the curious privileges enjoyed by a minister who has been hitherto, in constitutional theory at least, but one who is primus inter pares.

From the point of view, also, of the minister who is thus exalted to a place in the table of precedency, there is reason for discontent and reluctant acceptance of his new and defined

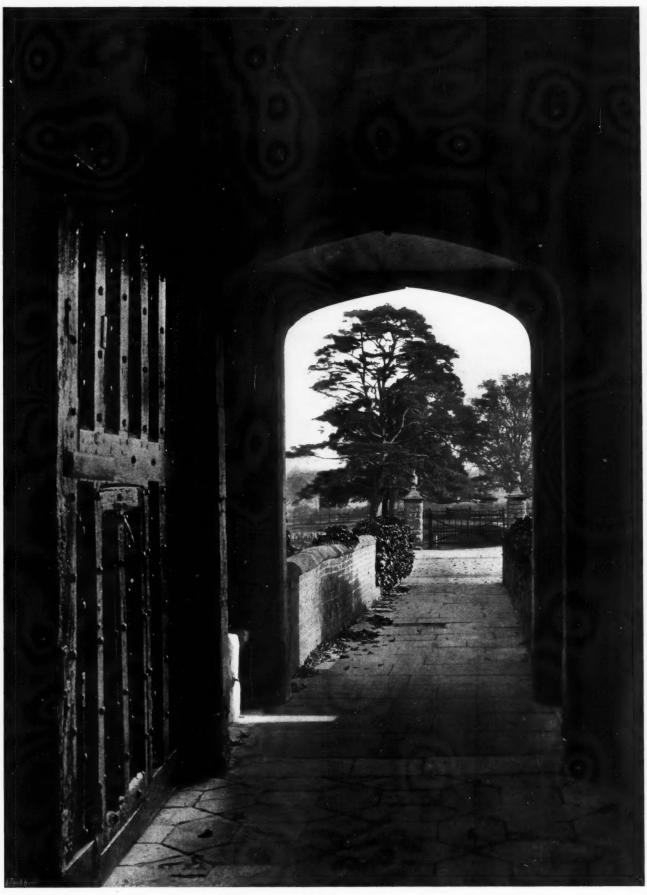
The table of precedence into which his name has been thrust is not of our world, and is nothing concerned with the life about us. Its legal foundation may be taken to be the Act of 1539 "for the placing of the lords in parliament," although more ancient lists, prepared for earl marshals and high constables at times of coronations, went before it and amplify it. Letters patent of King James I. have made room therein for his order of baronets and for certain judicial functionaries but it remains baronets and for certain judicial functionaries, but it remains little more than the handbill for an ancient king's crowning or burying. Here it is seen that a Secretary of State, although more than a Viscount's Eldest Son, is less than a Master of the Horse or Vice-Chamberlain of the Household, that the great law officers of the crown, were they not privy councillors, might walk after a county court judge, and that the Lord Chief Justice of England has place for below the Vouncer Son of Chief Justice of England has place far below the Younger Son of an Earl or the Eldest Son of a Baron. No churchmen but bishops are found in the list, and for the herald cunning in precedence the army is still led by a duke in shining plates and the navy by a lord high admiral. The great interests which have come into being since the days of Henry VIII. are as if they were not, and a hostess who finds about her in the drawing-room a major-general, an admiral, the President of the Royal Society, and the Dean of Westminster, may send them in to dinner in what order she will, for the table of precedence cannot avail her unless it advise her to enquire of her guests whether any one of them may be perceived the supports of

whether any one of them may be perchance the younger son of a knight or the eldest son of the younger son of a baron.

In this venerable parchment we may hencelorward look for a definition of the rank which a Prime Minister holds in the realm. A vast and unreckoned measure of power is at the ordering of this minister, yet the city marshal on the day of a Lord Mayor's show goes clad in more pomp than the statesman in whose hands are peace and war, the bestowal of the highest offices, the first share in the making and refashioning of the laws. Until this present time he was amongst us a citizen with citizens, for even as First Lord of the Treasury he enjoyed no precedence; but the fact that a duke of his own making might walk before him did but add to the privacy and curious distinction of the dignity which wrapped him. As a people we yield to none in our affection for historic shadows; but no one of us is likely to be accused of mistaking the relative positions of the honours which are the picturesque accidents of birth or the livery of a post at court and the high place and lively realities of civil power. "The footmen!" said a French statesman who saw the peers pass by in their ermine; "and their masters!" he added, as he saw the black coats of the commons appear.

There was democratic insolence in the saying; but, nevertheless, a minister who makes peers may see with a comfortable cynicism his creations walk before him on a day of ceremonial.

And this new precedence for the Prime Minister is still a lame compromise with fact, dealing gently and illogically with the sentiment which clings about historical order. The Lord High Chancellor's place remains where it was. From the early middle ages the minister nighest the king was the prelate and



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chancellor, his confessor it might be, who represented the ready pen which a king, whose own tools are sword and sceptre, must keep near at hand. Now the Lord High Chancellor of our days, a lay successor of the king's nearest clerk, has high place and power, and is, above all, a very fountain of preferment in church and state, but he himself is made by the Prime Minister, who is to follow after him with the precedence which has been chosen, as we may take it, as giving the First Lord of the Treasury the vacant place of the dormant Lord High Treasurer.

Indeed, the very terms of the proclamation show the Prime Minister's new post in a procession more for a meddling with obsolescent order than for a bold recognition of the new power in being. Time was when the northern primate, challenging place with his southern brother, was not only ruler of the northern province of a national church but a great lord amongst the earls and barons of feudalism, and, by the necessity of his office, one of the high councillors of the king. Since that day the primate of England has lost nothing of the honour due to his reverend office, but for the rest he is become no more than the first clergyman in the northern parts of England. The state which makes war and peace knows him no more, save as one who may cast an occasional vote in parliament by reason of his preferment at the hands of a Prime Minister.

Yet for the future, the minister responsible for the ordering of the affairs of the wide empire, leaving the coign of vantage from which he might see all the estates of the realm pass before him, will be content to slip into the procession of ermine mantles with precedence "immediately after the Archbishop of York."

Oswald Barron.

THE TAWNY OWL.

OW that the pole-trap is at last made illegal we may perhaps look for some increase in the number of the useful owls, which heretofore have suffered so much from this most iniquitous trap. We might depend with more certainty upon such a result if there were any reasonable hope that the Act will not be an absolute dead letter. But I fear very much that keepers will go on using the



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ATHENA'S BIRD.

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trap as before, perfectly secure that in the depths of the woods there will be no chance of any notice being taken of anything they may choose to do. Keepers to whom I have spoken have, in the first place, been perfectly ignorant of any change in the law as regards the pole-trap, and when made aware of the fact have openly laughed at the bare idea of its making any difference to them. Years ago Richard Jefferies noticed that carrion crows were on the increase round London in consequence of the absence of much game preservation, and so now the suburban fields, not sufficiently stocked with game to be worth very efficient supervision, are nightly hunted by the two commoner species of owl, the barn owl and the tawny owl, in search of "rats and mice and such small deer." Suburban lanes echo with the nocturnal hootings of the tawny owl, and dwellers in suburban streets are occasionally alarmed by the weird hissings and snorings of a

family of barn owls which have taken up their abode in some hollow tree close by.

The present species, the tawny owl, is the only one responsible for the loud "hoo-hoo-hoo," the "tu-whit tu-whoo" of the poets, though Tennyson seems inclined to credit this note to the white or barn owl:

"Alone and warming his fine wits, The White Owl in the belfry sits.

Thy tu-whi:s are lull'd I wot, Thy tu-whoos of yesternight."

An owl dreaming away the hours of daylight in some patriarchal oak or hollow elm seems a peaceful and unaggressive being, whose only wish is to doze in undisturbed quiet, but at night the same owl is a very different object, fierce and brimful of nervous energy. The tawny owl is in particular afraid of nothing, not even man, for many have been the records of people passing their nests having been attacked in a most determined manner, their caps knocked off and carried for some distance, and in some cases serious wounds have been inflicted by the claws of the angry assailant. The mere passing in ignorance near the spot chosen for the nest is sufficient to provoke the ire of this plucky bird, who sallies forth in defence of his home regardless of consequences, and with a courage which should excite our warmest admiration.

For there are very few birds which will attack mankind even in defence of their young. The eagles and larger hawks, on their nests being harried, will almost invariably sheer off long before the nest is reached, and though there have been occasional reports of their having threatened the aggressors, I do not remember a single case of any actual attack. The great skua will attack without the slightest hesitation, and repeat the performance again and again; the raven will threaten in very determined fashion, but will not come into actual contact, nor do I know any bird that will do so with the exception of the tawny owl, though I believe Lord Lilford once recorded an attack made by a little owl on a man passing through a churchyard. Small birds such as tits will often peck viciously if you put your hand into their nesting-hole, and so will puffins, but this is not quite the same as a deliberate charge in the open.

The good done by the tawny owl is undoubted, and I never saw or heard of any remains of game being found in the nests or pellets of the bird. Its food consists of mice, rats, and voles, and very largely of beetles. Beetles' wing cases are conspicuous in the castings, giving them a glittering appearance.

POULTRY-FARMING: A MARKET

T cannot be denied that a ready market for his produce is a matter of supreme importance to the poultry-farmer. If the rearing of table fowls be his object, there is a market at hand for every chicken he can rear, and one, moreover, that will be brought to his own door, if he so pleases, where not only can he sell for cash, but take his choice of many anxious buyers. Where is it? Anywhere within a fifteen-mile radius of the Uckfield and Heathfield districts in Sussex. In this neighbourhood dwells the fattener, and he wants English chickens, thousands of English chickens, and he cannot get enough. One establishment alone sends an average of over a hundred dozen fattened fowls to Smithfield Market every week—1,200 every

week, 62,400 every year! by one firm alone, and there are many.

In 1895 the report of the Royal Commission on Agriculture stated that in the year 1850 tons of table fowls, of the value of about £200,000, were marketed from this district. This refers to fowls tattened and killed in the locality, a very small proportion having been actually reared there, or, indeed, in this country at all. At present the fatteners have to rely largely on supplies from Ireland. Undoubtedly they would much prefer the home-grown bird, but sufficient quantities are unobtainable. The Irish fowls cannot compete with the English for quality; generally they are half-starved and wild, after a tossing at sea and a railway journey packed closely in crates in which they cannot even stand upright (which crates, by the way, are rarely, if ever, cleaned). Is it any wonder that many succumb on the way, or surprising that of those which survive few take kindly to the life of enforced idleness and rich diet necessary in order that the Sussex fatted fowl may result? In fact, were it not for the gentle (!) persuasion of the cramming machine, the transformation of our Irish friend to a "Sussex Poult" would be an impossibility.

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The cost of carriage from Ireland, including return of empty crates, even in large consignments, adds at least 4d. per head; and, although the Irish fowl may be bought at a slightly cheaper rate, this item brings the actual cost to about the same as that current for English, and in consequence, anywhere within a day's journey and return for a horse and cart of the fattener's place of business is eagerly scoured by the collector (or higgler, as he is locally termed) for suitable fowls, competition among whom is so keen that many an under-sized chick is taken rather than that a client should be lost. Now as to prices obtained; these range from 1s. 9d. 10 3s. 6d. each, the amount being regulated by the season.

As will be readily understood, the highest prices are fetched for those hatched during the winter months, when the difficulty and cost of rearing are greater, and the lowest for those reared during the summer months. The price rises and falls by gradations of 3d. per head, generally at intervals of about a fortnight, the highest point being reached in the early spring, and the lowest in the autumn. It may be remarked that by arrangement with one higgler, by which you agree to sell to him alone throughout the year, a minimum of 2s. can generally be guaranteed.

The age at which a chicken is marketable depends a good

deal on the breed kept and management, but from ten to fourteen weeks may be taken as an average. The requirements of the fattener are not hard to satisfy; he wants a bird with a fairly big frame, a quick grower, and with a quiet disposition. Nearly all the heavy sitting breeds will answer the purpose. If fresh blood is occasionally introduced, such as a male bird of the Indian Game or Dorking class, a fowl of fattening qualities par excellence is produced. The writer of this article recently secured a first prize at Smithfield Show with a pair of fattened fowls of this class which weighed slightly over 20lb. class which weighed slightly over 20lb.

SOUTHDOWNS AT ALBURY.



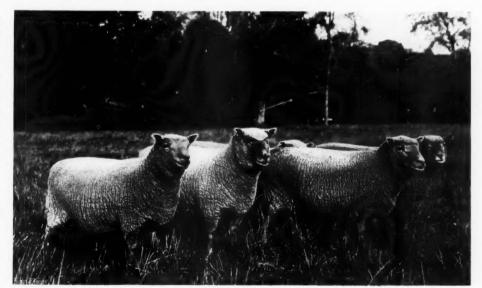
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LOOKING TOWARDS ALBURY CHURCH.

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UITE recently in these pages we gave some account of the livestock on the Duke of Northumberland's estate at Albury in Surrey, and to-day we continue

t h e subiect by showing illustrations of the flock of pure-bred Southdowns, which has been kept pure-bred for the last thirty years. It was established in the beginning from beginning from purchases from Messrs Heasman's well-known flock, and the success of the breeding is attested by number prizes won at the leading shows since then. It has been the custom to purchase rams from most of the famous breeders of South-



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downs as they happened to be required. Sir James Blyth, Mr. J. Colman, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Adeane, Earl Cadogan, and others have been laid under tribute. Some very fine speci-Some very fine speci-mens of the breed were sired by the ram which took the first prize at Southampton as the best shearling.
This animal was hired from the late Mr. Thomas Botting, one of the best judges of Southdowns, and the lambs by this prize ram are considered at Albury to have been the best in the flock. Indeed, the ram had a very successful career, as at the County Show, Guildford, his stock took first prize for the best three, the first and second for the best five, and the first for the



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carcase mutton two years in succession. Experts used especially to admire the excellent manner in which they carried their flesh. In regard to the quality of the sheep, the photographs speak for themselves, and instead of enlarging upon their merits, it may be more interesting to cast a retrospective eye over what has happened in the world of Southdown sheep during the year 1905, for which a review by that well-known authority, Mr. Jonas M. Webb, will give the required information. It has, on the whole, been an excellent year for the sheep-farmer, bringing with it a dry February that proved most favourable when the ewes came into the lambing-yard. There was a slight inconvenience caused by



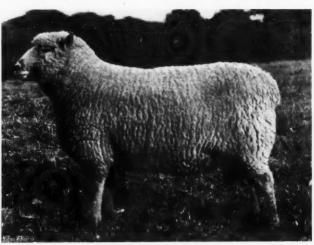
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THE BEST OF THE EWES.

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the drought in May; but the June rains removed it. About the wool, Mr. Webb points out that the world's fashions for the past year favoured the wools of long staple, and that of

merinos and Southdowns has not been in such keen demand. The record prices for the year of these sheep was 510 guineas, paid in Sydney for a merino ram, and 115 guineas given at



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Mr. Russell Colman's sale for a Southdown. Southdown wool has sold in England during the past year for 1s. 3½d. per lb., as compared with 10½d. in 1904. After reviewing the chief exhibitions and sales held during the past twelve months, Mr. Webb goes on to point out that one of the most prominent features of the Southdown history is the demand for Southdowns for crossing purposes in Wales and Scotland. The lambs from ewes crossed with Southdowns have been fetching very good prices in the whole country in consequence of the demand that has now arisen. This is well, because, after all, one of the most important purposes that a thoroughly well-bred pedigree stock can serve is that it supplies material for crossing. Nature works through all



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YEARLING LAMBS.

creatures pretty much in the same way, and it has been proved by practical demonstration that for most purposes the first cross is the most valuable offspring. This points out what the ordinary flockmaster ought to look forward to as the staple of his business. The breeding trade is not supported only by the fancy prices given at intervals for animals of exceptional character, but lies in their adaptability for ordinary use. The butcher's shop supplies the ultimate criterion by which the merits of a breed can best be decided. As the ordinary farmer cannot afford to buy pure-bred animals for the common purposes of sale, he is, as it were, obliged to cross. In addition to that, the mountainous part of the country produces sheep exceptionally well suited to the character of the land, and, therefore, it is good to keep them pure and to mate them with animals equally pure of another breed. The second string to the bow of the owner of pedigree Southdowns is the export trade, and the very flock from which our illustrations were taken supplies an example of what is happening in it, as Messrs. John Thornton and Co. shipped to Mr. Deans of New Zealand the two year old ram from the Duke of Northumberland's flock which took the first prize at the Royal Agricultural Society's Show at Park Royal. Mr. Deans is a son of the once well-known breeder, Mr. John Deans of Riccarton, Christchurch, who began the practice of importing Southdowns into New Zealand for the purpose of improving the mutton. Mr. Hart of Tasmania bought, amongst other Southdowns, the shearling ram belonging to King Edward VII. which took the first prize at Park Royal. Along

BARLEY STRIPE.

This disease is the subject of a leaflet issued by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, which has been giving attention to it since 1897; but half a century ago Rabenhorst, the German botanist, showed specimens of a minute fungus under the name of Helminthosporium gramineum. This has been reported from other European countries as a parasite on barley, and during recent years the disease has been observed in this country, where it seems to be on the increase. During this season the fungus was observed on the leaves of wild barley in the neighbourhood of Kew. There are two points in the leaflet worthy of special attention on the farm; one is the appearance of the attacked crop, which is described as follows: "The young leaves and leaf-sheaths are at first marked with minute, scattered, pale green spots; these spots increase in number and size, and the leaf gradually changes to a sickly yellow-green colour, after which it droops and ceases to grow. Finally the spots become darker in colour and have an olive green tinge. In some instances, when the fungus is very abundant, the leaf-sheaths and leaves are of a uniform brownish olive colour. In the earliest stages of the disease yellow elongated stripes may be met with on the leaves. The stunting of the plant is in proportion to the severity of the attack, but in almost all instances the plant is practically killed before the ear is liberated from the leaf-sheath enclosing it, hence the disease is known as 'blindness.' Even where the ears grow out many of them die prematurely or remain erect, instead of becoming



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with this animal were purchased the shearling ram belonging to Mr. C. R. W. Adeane, and a pen of three shearlings belonging to Mr. Edwin Ellis.

FROM THE FARMS.

R. W. LOWRIE contributes to the Canterbury Agricultural College Magazine a very interesting paper on this plant, which many of our farm note readers will peruse with attention and interest. The characteristics for which he praises it are, first, the very early feed which it offers to stock in the spring; secondly, its high carrying capacity; thirdly, the rapidity of its growth after being cut or fed down; fourthly, the quality and quantity of the hay which it furnishes; and lastly, the heavy yield of seed that can be threshed from it if saved for seed. This commendation, we should add, is accompanied by full and explicit directions for the cultivation of the Italian rye grass. The following is his conclusion: "Altogether, I consider this grass to be one of the very best for Canterbury conditions, and have thought that more use generally should be made of it. For dairying it is the most excellent forage for both quality and quantity of produce. The Parmesan cheese, for example, is made from pastures of this grass. Many dairy-farmers, I am confident, could with advantage make use of it for hay and pasture, and would gain, I am sure, by lifting the semi-exhausted pastures, a little each year, and replenishing the land by a dressing of manure on this grass."

'sickled' as in the healthy well-ripened crop. This abnormal appearance should be at once recognised by farmers. In severe cases as much as 20 per cent, of the crop may produce no grain." The other describes the steps that may be taken to cure the disease: "I. It is highly probable that these fungi grow on several kinds of wild grass, and from thence may pass to cultivated oats or barley. This suggests the clearing away of all grasses from headland and hedge banks. 2. The ear is not usually attacked, as it rarely escapes from the leaf-sheath, and there is no germ of the fungus in the grain, although spores of the fungus may adhere to the grain and thus be transported from place to place along the latter. In this manner the disease is undoubtedly transmitted by seed. If the grain is sprinkled with I per cent. of formalin in water, and thoroughly mixed so that all the grain comes in contact with the solution, spores of Helminthosporium and of smut will be destroyed. 3. As a preventive method it is also recommended that seed barley be steeped in hot water, the temperature of which should lie between 130deg. and 140deg. Fahr. The barley may remain in the water for five to seven minutes."

SIR WALTER GILBEY ON SMALL HOLDINGS.

Very few people in England have done more for agriculture than Sir Walter Gilbey, and it is of very great interest to read what he has to say on farms and small holdings in the *Livestock Journal*. He begins by pointing out three facts, or sets of facts, which have altered the condition of the small holder, the first being the enclosure of commons, which has deprived them of the right of free grazing; the second, the abolition of many of the ancient fairs and markets; and the third, the establishment of stock auction marts. We see very well how the enclosure of

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commons affects the yeoman, or small holder, but Sir Walter's argument, that the enclosure of the commons helped to bring about the disappearance of the old fairs, is not so evident. He thinks that the mere fact that they were held on common land had something to do with it, but in reality, the explanation probably lies in the greater facilities for marketing. People used to be dependent on the fair for many articles that they can now buy much more easily at the nearest town, while better and more regular markets have been set up for the disposal of their produce. The following is an extract from the conclusion of Sir W. Gilbey's article: "There is a general impression that the number of small holdings has increased of recent years, and this mistake seems to have given an impetus to the cry that the surplus population of our cities should 'return to the land' and take up farming on small holdings, to be made for them by carving up large farms into suitable areas. The impossibility of making a living out of the small holding, found by men who have spent their lives in mastering the complex art of husbandry, relieves us of the necessity for considering whether those who have failed in the towns are likely to succeed in the country."

ON THE GREEN.

F a ball lie in fog," says Rule 31, "only so much thereof shall be touched as will enable the player to find his ball." That was a rule made by those who did not his ball." That was a rule made by those who did not understand by "fog" what we of London call by that inauspicious name. Lately it has happened to us only too often on some of our "metropolitan and district" courses to wish fervently enough that we could touch "only so much" of the fog as should enable us to find the hall. A very large the fog as should enable us to find the ball. A very large number of balls have been lost in consequence of the fog, which makes of golf an exceedingly weird game, and has certain effects that are surprising. One of the effects, which is fairly effects that are surprising. One of the effects, which is fairly well known, is that it disposes you to over-rate distances enormously. For once, the usually timorous player appears to find himself endowed with all the courage of the boldest, for he is continually, with his approaches, not only up to, but far past, the hole. The apparent courage is, however, due to no better quality than a delusion of the eye; it has nothing to do with an access of moral pluck. The hole, by reason of the fog, looks a great deal farther off than it is, and playing, in his usual manner, to be a little short of the apparent goal, the timid man finds himself, to his natural amazement, well beyond the real one. That is one effect of fog, and a familiar one; but it is an effect that we find only in a diluted condition of the fog. When we have the metropolitan sample at its finest we are not greatly thus troubled, for the sufficient reason that we do not see the hole at all—by which is meant, of course, the flag in the hole, or the caddie standing at it-until we come within putting distance, rather than approaching; and when we are within putting range we estimate the strength more by the nature of the different sections of the ground than by the apparent distance of the flag or the caddie. The problem is altered. Of course, the fog on our suburban greens can be so thick that golf is clearly impossible. No one would think of attempting it. But there is a condition of the fog, just one degree less deadly than this, in which golf is just within the barely possible limit, and in which the golf "as she is played" reveals a curious fact. It is golf within the possible limit, only on the assumption that you employ a fore caddie, perhaps two. Without such aid in marking down the ball you would never find it. As a rule, the fore caddie himself does not see the ball in the air, but he hears it fall, and, carrying his eye to the direction that the sound indicates, sees the ball trickling over the ground. His point of view is curious. Curious, too, is the point of view of the player. There is but one point in all his view—the fore caddie. The figure of the fore caddie is seen standing up with more or less distinctness against the grey fog-I speak as I have found it at Mitcham, where I have played much more often than on any other of the suburban greens, and where fog often lies heavily, and the fore caddie on the level ground stands out silhouetted—and the singular thing is that, seeing this one point of attraction only, it becomes extraordinarily easy to drive straight at it. It is a circumstance that does not make the life of the fore caddie altogether an easy one. As a rule, on a clear day, if you take out a fore caddie, you will drive here, there, and on all sides of him, very rarely putting him in any jeopardy at all. I used to play very often at Blackheath many years ago with a fore caddie, so I know. But here, in the fog, with this one single looming figure to attract your eye, you send the ball falling close to him almost every time. It is wonderful, it is a revelation. It is a revelation to show how much our eye, without our knowing it, is commonly distracted and taken off the right object of its golfing ambitionthe hole and the line to it—by extraneous objects, foreign bodies that "have nothing to do with the case"; and, further, it shows us this practical lesson, that it is our golfing duty to try to purge our eye of this tendency to go a-wandering after vain concerns

that do not concern it, and to keep it to the two main objects of its right existence, ball and hole, or ball and line. We ought really to try to create an illusory fog, if there is not a real one (as there generally has been lately) to shroud all the other objects, the "foreign bodies," so that we may be able to concentrate, even as we do perforce in the real pea-soupy fog. Probably it is because of a blissful, and even more than foggy, ignorance of the dangers, that we sometimes play so well our first round on a strange course. We know nothing of the guarding bunkers; we concentrate all attention on the ball and on the hole; and the reward is great. To those who have the eye to pierce their meaning, these foggy words may be a help.

MR. FORD, a London magistrate, has raised quite a little storm—all blowing in the direction that he started—by some remarks he made in sentencing some golf-ball thieves to a small penalty. He practically said that he wished he had the people who bought these balls there, too, that he might sentence them. Well, of course, we all wish that. We all agree with the correspondents to the papers who write and say how just Mr. Ford's remarks are, and how true it is that no gentleman would do such a thing as to buy these stolen balls. We all know that, but the unfortunate thing is that there are a great many "no gentlemen" playing golf as well as doing other things in this world, and it is to be much doubted whether they will be turned into gentlemen by any such gentle agency as Mr. Ford's judicious and judicial remarks or the general storm of indignation. The "no gentleman" is of the family of the pachyderm. Perhaps a few may be turned into the path of tardy, temporary, and reluctant righteousness by these means, and find in them a motive for resisting the terrific temptation of buying for sixpence a ball worth a shilling; but human nature and the "saxpence" will be too strong with most men (I say nothing of women, though I believe they, too, offend); but I would suggest—though I am not sanguine enough to suppose, with Mr. Ford, that it will have any effect—that a much more practical way would be for each member at a club where the "golf-ball snakes" abound to buy a stamp, with his initials, and imprint them clearly on each ball in his possession. Although the receiver of stolen balls is a pachyderm, even his hide of insensibility might be penetrated by the conviction that he was playing with a ball clearly bearing the mark of another man's ownership. It would at least enable the conviction to be brought home to him, and prevent him from pleading ignorance. In the multitude of advertisements of all things useful, and useless, for golf that we receive, it is wonderful that we do not see more of a plain, inexpensive kind

The Cricketers' Golfing Society, though it has been alive but a short time only, has made a wonderful start in the direction of inter-county golf. It is not to be called much more than a start, as yet, for no more than three players are required to make a team. But what really is wonderful, an 1 a fair occasion for congratulating the society, is that no less than twenty-six counties have been drawn for the first heat.

Horace Hutchinson.

HUNTING NOTES.

SLIGHT thinning off of the company is always noticeable at hunting centres about Christmas-time. But there are many of us who are bound to our homes by various duties at Christmas, and hunt again with packs we followed in our childhood. There is, afer all, a great charm in hunting from home, and the more brilliant sport of the fashionable countries lacks for most of us the charm of association which belongs to the home coverts. Monday made a notable finish of the first part of the season with the Quorn, and almost everyone who could manage to be there was present. Not a few people will have to cut short their hunting this year on account of the General Election. A great deal of useful canvassing is done in the hunting-field—on the way to covert, and while making the homeward journey, and a candidate who is popular in the hunting-field is sure of some votes on this account. I have known in my time at least one candidate who owed not a little to his bold and straight riding to hounds. In the country I think we care more for men than measures. But to return to the Quorn hunt on Monday. Everything went much as usual in the morning. A favourite covert was blank; the morning fox was not inclined to run straight; perhaps he was not obliged to do so, for the scent was very catchy and uncertain. At length, however, a change came over the aspect of affairs. Welby Osier Beds was drawn. A fox from any other country seems to smell sweeter, and they simply raged and screamed at him till he showed himself a stranger by making straight for Belvoir coverts. "Starting in a tremendous hurry," says my informant, "my horse was clean out of hand, and simply crashed through his first two fences. How and why we did not share the fate of others and lose the run I cannot tell. But we did escape, and a rise of the ground brought back the command to the predom nant partner. Then to the right and left could be seen the Master, huntsman, and the best of our Melton men riding almost at the fences If you could jump them at all you could do so

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myself included, only reached the end by (after the first fifteen or twenty minutes) unblushing and fortunate skirting. Thirty minutes or more on the grass without a check, and very straight, is something to recollect."

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Now I will take up another item of my budget and give a quite different story of a Christmas stag-hunt; not after the carted deer, but after a wild red deer hind, the swiftest, most cunning, and enduring of the beasts of chase. The beginning was simple enough, for the red deer of Somerset know what hunting means well enough. Springy heather, with the peaty water flying in spray, makes good going and promises easy falling. The hounds come bounding along in single file, not speaking much, as the manner of staghounds is when they mean business. Across the moorland we gallop, and then we touch a stony space with rocks of all sizes, but hold on desperately, hoping for the best. The hounds running on easily, as they generally do at first, we ease off directly we get the inside turn. Then comes a stretch of better going, and the pace improves. Before us lies the vale of Porlock, below us the village of Timberscombe, and the Master comes galloping back blowing for the pack. Roake brings them up sharply, and Mr. Stanley, who hunts the Quantock Staghounds himself, lays them on. Then comes an anxious moment for the followers: Which way will they turn? Right-handed it is, and once more we are off, guided by the notes of the pack as they throw their tongues in the covert. A sharp turn leaves some of us out, and the head becomes the tail, as we sweep down towards Culcombe, where the hind squats like a hare in Oaktrow Wood, and hounds go on with a fresh one. Then they are stopped, and go back to fresh find the hunted hind. Now comes a most anxious time. The hind is not beaten, and she runs, now up, now down, first on one side and then on the other, of a wooded ravine, with the Aville River at the bottom. One may with the best intentions

be on the wrong side of the hill, and then it is ten to one against ever seeing them again. Several times we are lost, then we are in the thick of the fun again; and so it goes on. Two followers view a hind come down to the water, hounds driving hard; then she turns up, and over the roughest ground we run, resolute not to be left behind again. The hounds are chiming merrily in the wood alongside, but always going forward. The country grows wilder, rocky patches with here and there places that are only not bogs because they have a bottom somewhere. The cry leads us on and on, multiplied as it is by the echoes of the deep combe; yet when hounds cross in front there are but two and a-half couple. We have missed the main body after all, and this is only a side show. Never mind, we will go on and see what happens, and we can stop hounds and take them back—if, that is, we can get to them. A boggy bottom, a bad crossing, and a steep climb make this seem problematical. The horses are getting beat. My companion is a young farmer, a fine horseman, with a capital young mare he has bred himself, and my luck has assigned me an Irish mare by Buckshot, good stout blood, and 15h. of the best stuff. Yet both are tiring. Exmoor brings relief, and Dunkery Beacon is ahead. An Exmoor farmer, attracted by the cry, mounts his stout cob, and has viewed our hind, or rather hinds, for we have two or three out. On the wind-swept side of Dunkery we find and stop the little pack. To conduct personally strange hounds through a wild country swarming with deer is no easy task, and I for one am glad to see the road. Coaxing, bits of sandwich, and an occasional threat of whipcord succeed, and when the tired hounds curl up on the straw in the stable we are all glad. Poor things, they have to be packed off by train to join the pack, and they are now very unwilling to start again. Hind-hunting is excellent sport, but it is hard work for hounds, horses, and men.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE INFIRMARY TEMPER.
[To the Editor of "Country Life."

SIR,—I read with the greatest interest an article entitled "The Infirmary Temper" in your issue of the 16th inst. Curiously enough, the same evening I happened to be reading Eden's "State of the Poor," and came across a tale so singularly apposite to the sentiments of your contributor, and so exquisite in the simplicity of its diction, that, although it is indeed a pity to mutilate it, I venture to ask you to find space for at least some portion of a plain, unvarnished history of the life of an English labourer in bygone days. The picture might have been painted to-day. There is the same long, uneventful struggle for existence; the same uncomplaining, untiring energy which "does the thing that's nearest"; the same proud, independent spirit which "does the thing that's nearest"; the same proud, independent spirit which refuses to ask or receive help from the parish; and the same haunting dread of the workhouse. Let the writer tell the story. "Anne Hurst was born at Witley in Surrey. There she lived the whole period of a long life, and there she died. As soon as she was able to work, she went to service. Then, before she was twenty, she married James Strudwick, a day labourer. With this husband she lived, a profife, hard-working, contented wife, somewhat more than fifty years. He worked more than three-score years on one farm, and his worse support and winter worse reculsive a chillier as deep. He and his wages, summer and winter, were regularly a shilling a day. He never asked more, nor was he ever offered less. They had between them seven children, and lived to see six daughters married and three of them the mothers of sixteen children, all of whom were brought up to be day labourers. Strudwick continued to work till within seven weeks of the day of his death, and at the age of four-score, in 1787, he closed, in peace, a not inglorious life; for to the day of his death he never received a farthing in the way of parochial relief. His wife survived him about seven years: and though bent with age and infirmities and little able to work, excepting as a weeder in a gentleman's garden, she was also too proud either to ask or receive any relief from the parish." . . . "With all her virtue and all her merit, she yet was not much parish." . . . "With all her virtue and all her merit, she yet was not much liked in her neighbourhood: people in affluence thought her haughty, and the paupers of the parish, seeing, as they could not help seeing, how her life was a reproach to theirs, aggravated all her little failings—yet the worst thing they had to say of her was that she was proud; which they said was manifested by the way in which she buried her husband." . . . "Nothing could dissuade her from having handles to his coffin, and a plate on it mentioning his age." A more serious charge against her was that, living to a great age, and being but little able to work she grew to be seriously afroid that at least she but little able to work, she grew to be seriously afraid that, at last, she might become chargeable to the parish (the heaviest, in her estimation, of all human calamities), and that thus alarmed she did suffer herself more than nce, during the exacerbation of a fit of distempered despondency, peevishly (and, perhaps, petulantly) to exclaim, that God Almightly, by suffering her to remain so long upon earth, seemed to have forgotten her. "She would have handles to the coffin of her husband, and a plate recording his age!" and this was alleged against her! Yet the simple receptacle contained a deposit more precious than any Egyptian pyramid ever covered." "She was proud." Yes, she had that pride that scorns dependence, that thinks all labour honourable, but feels an obligation as a wound. And, after all this labour honourable, but feets an obligation as a wound. And, after all this life of unceasing, uncomplaining labour, Anne Strudwick thought that "God had forgotten her, when she saw, if the grave refused her an asylum, she must end her life in a workhouse." The writer concludes by saying, "if you have tears, refuse not to shed them now, but while you shed them, do not determine to sit down in unavailing sorrow, but arouse all the powers within you to meliorate the condition of the labourer." It may be, Mr. Editor, that some one of your many influential readers shall devise a scheme which will enable such poor, proud workers to end their days in the little homes which have sheltered them through life, instead of being driven to the workhouse——R the workhouse. -B.

CARRYING POWER OF EAGLES.

[To the Editor of "Country Life."]

SIR,—I delayed replying to the courteous letter, signed "Lichen Grey," which appeared in Country Life of April 29th, as I wished to make fuller investigation into the subject. Referring to the carrying power of eagles he wrote, "I should expect the bird to be able to carry at least its own weight

(10lb. to 12lb.), in the shape of prey, probably a good deal more." I still maintain my former opinion that 8lb. would be the limit of the largest engle's capacity, for the reasons given below. One of the eagles on my ranch was seen by the shepherd to lift a June lamb, presumably weighing about 12lb., but dropped the bleating victim, which was too heavy to carry to its eyrie. The female of this pair met a melancholy fate in attempting to carry off what was beyond her strength, and I certainly gave her credit for more sense than she displayed. All the shepherds had received strict injunctions from their sne displayed. All the snepherox had received strict injunctions from their employers not to interfere with the eagles, but in this case the patience of one man was tried too far. He narrated how from some distance away he saw an man was fried too lat. The narrated now from some distance away he saw an eagle stoop at one of the dogs, and hang above it as raptorial birds are wont to do when attacking ground game. The dog, not paralysed like a hare at the proximity of the great bird, ran towards its master, when the hovering and expectant eagle fixed one foot on each side of the collie's throat, and endeavoured to bear aloft the shricking animal. The shepherd described how during the few minutes that he was running towards the struggling pair and trying, incidentally, to find a stick, the eagle made frantic efforts to carry trying, incidentally, to find a stick, the eagle made frantic chorts to carry away the dog, which seemed unable, when clutched in this manner, to make any attempt to free itself. According to the story the bird was flying all the time, in any case flapping its wings, and, although prevented from rising by the weight of the quarry, it was able to drag the helpless dog to and fro. Although this event happened at the end of March, I did not hear of it at the time; but the suspension of the nesting operations and the absence of the female caused me to suspect that she had met an untimely fate, probably by poison. The male found another mate, and with her made a new eyrie in a different situation. The dog, which weighed about 30lb., afterwards recovered, though rather badly mauled by the eagle's claws. The bird had not used its bill at all, and this fact confirmed the opinion of James Inglis (who, in thirty years' experience as head-keeper to the late Duke of Sutherland, obtained much years' experience as nead-keeper to the late Duke of Sutherland, obtained much insight into the habits of golden eagles), that these birds never employ their bills in attack or defence. They kill their prey by constriction of the feet, and a tame specimen, which lived at Dunrobin for twenty-three years, would squeeze a full-grown cat to death in a few seconds if it got the chance. In my opinion, "tall" stories about the lifting powers of eagles must be accepted with great reserve, because, when we can test them, they do not bear examination. The shephicril's story, if an accurate account of fact, does not, for instruction which he are type of the lifting powers are in the interpretation which he are type of the lifting powers are accurated alid. examination. The snepher's story, if an accurate account of lact, does not, for instance, require the interpretation which he put upon it. The eagle did not lift the dog—the dog lifted himself. Nor did the eagle drag the dog. The dog's natural impulse, when clutched painfully by the head or neck, would be to leap around like a lunatic. As to the eagle dragging 30lb.—a very fine adult eagle was washed ashore on the coast of Jura with a common vermin steel trap attached to one leg. I infer from this that the eagle was trapped on the nmon vermir mainland, and pulling the trap free, attempted to cross the Sound of Jura, and, failing to do so, was drowned. Obviously, if an eagle could carry 12lb. weight, a trap weighing one-fourth of that, or less, would not drown the bird, unless otherwise injured or exhausted, in a previous flight of ten or fifteen miles. My brother saw the bird and the trap. A heavy bird like an eagle has considerable difficulty in rising from the ground, even when unhampered, unless from the top of an eminence with a high wind blowing. The female eaglet whose photograph was published in COUNTRY LIFE for April 15th, when it could fly about 500ycs, from the top of the eyrie rock, was unable to rise quickly enough from the level to avoid capture with the help of a pony. James Inglis, above mentioned, corroborates this, and has related to me how the brother of a Dunrobin sheep-farmer actually caught a golden eagle which was feeding upon a braxy sheep on a sloping hill-face. The morning was calm and mixty when the man, approaching from below, succeeded in throwing his plaid over the eagle before it could take wing. Inglis thinks that had he come from above the bird could easily have flown away. An adult golden eagle which had been trapped in Ross-shire, by one claw only, was sent as a present to the late Duke of Sutherland by Lady McKenzie of Gairloch. As there was already at Dunrobin the pet golden eagle above mentioned, the Duke, who was unwilling to keep two eagles, told Inglis to give the Ross-bird high its liberty. There is no grander eight than an eagle on the wing shire bird its liberty. There is no grander sight than an eagle on the wing, and Inglis took the bird to Corral, by Loch Brora, in a dogcart, so that he might watch it as long as possible. To his disappointment, when he gave

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the bird a start from the dogcart it on'y flapped in a circle near the ground for about 100yds, eventually scrambling on to the top of a thatched cow-byre. It made another effort to rise, but only reached the summit of a knoll higher up, where it rested dejectedly for a few moments. The eagle then suddenly spread its wings, and, having regained its almost unrivalled aerial power, made a bold sweep around the dogcart before ascending in wide circles. When almost invisible it made a dash for the north-east, and sailing over the highest hills, was seen no more. In my former experiences of golden eagles, which were very common in the early nineties, eagles, which were very common in the early nineties, I have not heard of an eagle carrying a heavier weight than a jack rabbit, and never knew of one carrying anything at all except in the breeding season. My brother, who has had a lifelong experience of golden eagles in Argyllshire, reports that in his experience no eagle ever carried anything heavier than a white hare (Lepus variabilis), or a very young hill lamb of the same, and even less, weight. James Inglis writes under date August 5th from Sutherlandshire: "I never knew of an eagle rising with anything heavier than a mountain hare. eagle rising with anything heavier than a mountain hare, whose average weight is from 4lb. to 6lb. A peregrine falcon is a much stronger bird on the wing than an eagle, but I never saw one carry a full-grown blackcock. I think

a grouse that does not weigh 2lb. is as much as it can carry. To give some idea what absurd stories are told about eagles: last carry. To give some idea what absurd stories are told about eagles: last year a story went the round of the Northern newspapers that an eagle carried away a young child at Bonar Bridge. When this was probed to the bottom, it was found that two boys invented the tale and sent it to the Northern. Chronicle for fun." Positive and negative evidence is all against eagles lifting heavy weights. I. Positive—It is admitted that an eagle finds apparent difficulty in lifting his own weight into the air. This being so, how much greater will be his difficulty in lifting double his own weight? Per uch greater will be his difficulty in lifting double his own weight? Per ntra, if he can so easily lift double his own weight, why should he experience contra, if he can so easily lift double his own weight, why should he experience any difficulty in lifting himsel? Every sportsman knows the difference of a few pounds' penalty on a race-horse weighing over 1,000lb. 2. Negative—The entire absence of any trustworthy evidence by competent observers that cagles ever do carry animals larger or heavier than blue hares, rabbits, and game birds. Finally, my brother writes: "I have no wish to dogmatise on this subject, but I do not agree with 'Lichen Grey.' I agree entirely with Inglis. The peregrine is a stronger bird on the wing than the eagle, and is, weight for weight, muscularly more powerful. In regard to flight, I have seen both the eagle and the peregrine (times out of number) hawk game, and can testify that the eagle, though rapid, is visible comfortably to the eye, while the peregrine passes like a streak of lightning. Furthermore, the quarry pursued by the eagle (a cock grouse) was going well within himself, while the peregrine passes like a streak of lightning. Furthermore, the quarry pursued by the eagle (a cock grouse) was going well within himself, like a hare pursued by a lurcher. The quarry pursued by the peregrine, on the other hand, goes 'all out,' and attains a blind velocity like a bullet—instance a blackcck which shot through a sheet of \$\frac{1}{4}\$ in plate glass into Evans's" (the late Mr. Henry Evans of Jura) "drawing-room, left a clean round hole in the glass, and was picked up inside the room, a crumpled mass of blood and feathers."—EWEN SOMERLED CAMERON.

JACK WHEELSWARF ON HIS ROUNDS.

[TO THE EDITOR OF "COUNTRY LIFE."] SIR,—The most superficial glance at this little party will show them to be no shiftless wayfarers, but members of a trading company which asks for nothing it does not earn. While the husband is busy in the village street sharpening the cottagers' knives or the cobbler's and, his "missus" is welcomed inside to retail, besides laces, buttons, and tapes, her budget of gossip picked up in the last village, and the junior member of the firm wins many a bit of custom by his plucky, cheery face. They may occasionally have to sleep "rough," by his plucky, ence., but to those who only

ask the heaven above and the road below .



this is no hardship, and the roving blood in their veins makes them, like the Black Douglas, rather hear the lark sing than the mouse squeak.—R. Y.

BLACK GAME,

[TO THE EDITOR OF "COUNTRY LIFE,"]

SIR,—The correspondence recently appearing in your columns leaves room to hope that the present season has seen a check in the gradual disappearto hope that the present season has seen a check in the gradual disappearance of our finest game bird; at any rate, along the line of the Border, where is its ancient stronghold. Still, there are enormous untenanted gaps where the black game was once common, and which are by no means less suited for them now than in the past. But something has happened—no one seems quite agreed as to what this may be—to destroy them, or greatly diminish their number. As a rule, the most obvious reason is generally the true one, and I have very little doubt that this reason is to be found in overshooting, when the poults are young and easily killed. The increase of shepherds' dogs, which can easily catch a young poult in the heather, probably has something to do with it also. But it is no use crying over spilt milk. The practical question is, How is a fresh stock to be obtained? If anyone were to advertise for black game to turn out, I doubt if he could get them; also I doubt whether this would be the best plan. Speaking entirely by the book, it looks as if it ought to be possible to get black game entirely by the book, it looks as if it ought to be possible to get black game to lay in confinement if the birds were first hand-reared from wild eggs. The species is polygamous, even more so than the pheasant. If two or three of the great proprietors in the North would be so public-spirited as to try the experiment next year on commercial lines, so that sportsmen desirous of turning out young birds two or three years hence might purchase eggs, and so contribute to repay the expense, while also obtaining what they wanted, it would, I believe, be very greatly appreciated. If it were a success, it would give another line of development in the great and successful side industry of game-farming, and it might in time much enhance the value of certain classes of shooting estates to which black game are specially suited .- C. J. CORNISH.

COSTLY FOWLS.
[To the Editor of "Country Life."]

SIR,—I am enclosing a photograph of a celebrated pair of ostriches, Record and his hen, the property of Mr H. M. Blomfield of Rockhurst, Grahamstown, South Africa. Some few years ago, after eighteen months spent quietly studying the method of farming and management and habitat of the Kaffir—a most necessary proceeding if one intends to live among them—he bought a farm of about 8,000 morgen, and settled down on the bank of the Great Fish River, about thirty

miles from Grahamstown, going in for ostriches, polled cattle, and Persian sheep. Having met with average success with the former, particularly in respect of feathers, Mr. Blomfield purchased from Messrs. Rosenbaum and Co. of Grahamstown the subjects of this photograph for the record price of £1,000 the pair. Ten of the progeny were sold for £500, and the owner is now counting the "chicks" before they are hatched to the modest tune of £20 apiece at two months old. In bringing the ostriches from Grahamstown to their new home Mr. Blomfield experienced some little anxiety for the ostrich experienced some little anxiety, for the ostrich, albeit so swift and powerful, has a knack of breaking its leg as easily as the snapping of a twig. He set out with three Kaffirs and seven or eight ostriches—choosing birds used to being herded and driven—to assist in their home-coming. However, after passing uninjured through a fearful storm and an encounter with baboons, all ended well. The precious birds arrived safely at Rockhurst, and were soon at home in their camp, a portion of the veldt enclosed by wire fencing, and equivalent to a field or paddock in England, over which the manager and two Kaffirs had been busy for two days, picking up all glass, wire, iron, or any other little unconsidered trifle which might possibly interfere with Mr. and Mrs. Record's digestion'. The last mail brought good news of them in the hatching season.—M,



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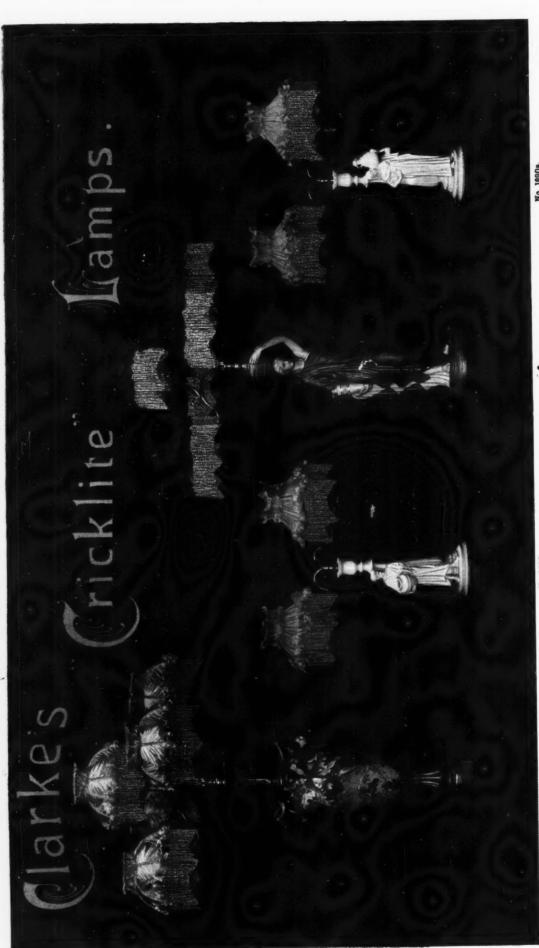
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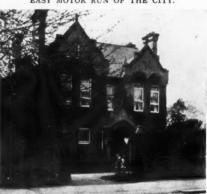
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BEAUTIFUL SALCOMBE (5. Devon). — To be LET, Unfurnished, the RESIDENCE shown in centre of above photograph; situate in a lovely position, and commanding enchanting views. It stands on high but sheltered ground, approached by drive, and contains hall 20ft. by 10ft., three reception, nine bed and dressing rooms, bathroom, etc.; space for stabling if desired; excellent water supply, and perfect sanitation; well-laid-out pleasure grounds, and half-an-acre kitchen garden. Good fishing, boating, and bathing. Rent £140 per annum.—Agents, MABERTT & EDGE as above. (6154)

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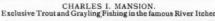
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DEVONSHIRE (on borders of Dartmoor, 750ft. above sea level.—For SALE, the above gentleman's RESIDENCE and about 40 acres of land, occupying a beautiful situation, and suitable for a gentleman fond of sport, or for the breeding and training of horses. The House is approached by a carriage drive, and contains hall, two reception, five bedrooms, bath, etc.; stabling for four; pretty gardens and pleasure grounds, intersected by a trout stream.—Agents, MABBETT & EDGE, as above. (9857.)





MAY be secured with the above depicted fine old STONE-BUILT MANSION, happily seared in old-world grounds and possibly the prettiest and MOST HEAVILY TIMBERED PARK of its size in the Kingdom. The accommodation afforded includes noble LOUNGE HALL WITH GALLERY, four well-proportioned reception rooms, and 18 to 20 bedrooms, with complete offices. There is stabling for seven horses, cottage, and farmery, and in addition to the VALUABLE FISHING RIGHTS in the famous and strictly preserved River Itchen, to which the park slopes, it may be mentioned that the property is only about 70 MINUTES' RAIL FROM TOWN, near a fine old historical city, and in an excellent social and sporting district.—Reduced price and full details from the Owner's Agents, MABBETT & EDGE, as above. (2908.)

BEDFORDSHIRE (within easy drive of Bedford).—For SALE, a valuable and prolific Agricultural PROPERTY OF 224 ACRES, in excellent heart, and including 130 acres of rich pasture. There is a superior Farm-house and a SPLENDID SET OF MODERN BUILDINGS, fitted with machinery worked by an oil engine, and also having a good water supply by gravitation, both HIGHLY IMPORTANT FEATURES for the economical working of the farm. Land tax redeemed.—Price, Pln, and all details from the Sole Agents, Messrs. MABBETT & EDGE, as above. (9892.)

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TO BE SOLD AT GREAT LOSS TO OWNER, the above-depicted picturesque creeper-clad RESI-DENCE; ten bed, bath, four reception rooms, large hall; approached through a long AVENUE of CHESTNUTS, guarded by LODGE; together with splendid STABLING for six, gardener's and other COTTAGES, beautifully-timbered GROUNDS, FISHPONDS, and well-timbered PARKLANDS of about 100 ACRES. GRAVEL SOIL. -Personally inspected and strongly recommended by the SOLE AGENTS, MABBETT and EDGE, as above. (6877.)



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BICESTER HUNT. — RESIDENCE or HUNTING BOX, commanding extensive views, and containing hall, three reception and eleven bed and dressing rooms, bathroom, two attics, servants' hall, and offices, with capital hunting stabling of ten loose boxes; gardens and paddock of about three acres. Ideal hunting situation, near stations on L. & N.W. Ry. and G.C. Ry. For SALE or LETTING.—Inspected and recommended by Messrs. John D. Wood & Co., as above. (40 063.)

23,250, RENT £100 P.A.— CHESHIRE town, on high ground, with lovely views).—Old-fashioned RESIDENCE; three reception, sixteen bedrooms, good offices; stabling and outbuildings; pretty grounds, kitchen garden and glasshouses, rich parkland, in all 23 acres. Sandy soil. Hunting with Cheshire and M. Staffs Hounds.—Apply John D. Woon & Co., a vabove. (9818.)





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DOLGELLY AND BARMOUTH (near).—A charuing stone RESIDENCE, standing high though sheltered, FACING SOUTH; containing two halls, five reception rooms, seventeen bed and dressing rooms, bathrooms, etc.; stabling for six, laundry; lovely terraced gardene, shrubberies, and pleasure grounds. Within reach of EXCELLENT GOLF LINKS; commanding beautiful sea and mountain views over the Mawddach estuary. To LET, Furnished, for long or short the Mawddach estuary. To LET, Furnished, for long or short period.—Inspected and strongly recommended by Messrs. John D. Woon & Co., as above. (7:64.)



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25,000, "NEAR CANTERBURY (in a delightabove sea level). — COUNTRY RESIDENCE, south-west
aspect; pretty views; four good reception, fourteen bedrooms,
good offices; stabling, small model farmery, outbuildings, and
cottages. The beautifully timbered pleasure grounds are a
charming feature of the property. Excellent kitchen garden,
seventeen acres in all; or 23 for £6,000. Golf; shooting;
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THE ABOVE CASTLE, of great historic interest, situate in West of England, near station three hours from London.—The inhabited portion consists of XIVth Century Gate-house, with guardroom, dining hall, drawing and smoking rooms, thirteen bedrooms, bathroom; stabling, picturesque grounds. Rent, Furnished, £400 per annum, inclusive of up keep.—Apply Messrs John D. Woon & Co., as above. (70,512.)



ESTATE of 400 or 25 ACRES,
THREE BRIDGES.—Very attractive RESIDENTIAL
PROPERTY, extending to about 400 acres, including large
proportion of oak and other woodlands. Modern Residence,
seated in a park of over 80 acres, on rising ground, and containing fourteen bed, two bath, four reception rooms; good offices.
House is lit by acetylene gas, is heated by hot water, has south
and west aspects, good water and drainage. Property includes
well-timbered park, woods and agricultural lands. A smaller
Residence, various farm-houses and buildings, and excellent
cottages. SHOOTING MAKING UP 900 ACRES OBTAINABLE. To be SOLD, as a whole, or would divide and Sell
with, say, 25 acres.—Inspected and recommended by Messrs.
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GRAVEL AND LIMESTONE SOIL.

A BERGAVENNY. — A well-timbered RESIDENTIAL
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position amidst lovely vale scenery and intersected by a mountain brook. The old-fashioned Residence, which has been
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beech, and contains hall, four reception, nine bedrooms and
bathroom; stabling for five. Charming old grounds and productive kitchen garden; three or 24 acres. Hunting, shooting,
and fishing in the district; near station, church and post-office.
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carriage drive winds with entrance lodge, the whole being
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Splendid golf, hunting and shooting available. — Strongly
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WARWICKSHIRE (in a good hunting centre, near a town and station two hours London). — Above attractive RESIDENCE, with old pleasure grounds and parklands of over eleven acres, stabling for six horses and two cottages. It contains ten bed and dressing rooms, three reception rooms, and stands on dry soil, commanding good views, and has up-to-date comforts. To LET, Unfurnished, on lease —Particulars of Messrs. John D. Wood & Co., as above. (50,078.)

PRICE £7.500, RENT £250; HANTS (SOUTH), three miles from a town, two hours from London, in a good social district, 300ft. above sea level; gravel soil; old-fashioned COUNTRY HOUSE, planned on two floors, contains lounge hall, bandsome drawing room, conservatory, dining and morning rooms, thirteen bedrooms, bath, servants' hall; good set stabling. Drainage entirely relaid. Lodge, two cottages, farmery and 27 acres. Lovely site, with views over miles of wooded country. An attractive feature of the Property is the grounds. They are well laid out, adorned by fine old forest timber, and maintained at trifling cost.—Inspected and highly recommended by John D. Wood & Co., as above. (60,087.)



300 GUINEAS PER ANNUM. FURNISHED HANTS (SOUTH); favourite district, near golf links.—Above stands in park; four reception, fourteen bedrooms; stabling, coachman's quarters, lodge. Very pretty grounds, good kitchen garden, glasshouse, orchard. Gravel soil. 300 acres shooting; hunting.—Apply JOHN D. WOOD and Co., as above. (60,681.)

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BLACKMORE VALE (beautifully situate on commanding hill, overlooking the Grand Vale for many miles to distant hills).—The above charming stone-built Elizabethan RESIDENCE, surrounded by lovely gardens and undulating grasslands, and containing hall, good reception rooms, and eleven bed and dressing rooms, bathroom, etc., together with good stabling, and excellent farm-buildings, cottages, etc. For SALE, with 28 or up to 76 acres grassland — Inspected and recommended by Messrs. John D. Wood & Co., as above. (6612.)

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NOMINAL RENT FOR WINTER, OR LONGER

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300 AGRE SPORTING ESTATE, in FINE GAME Residence, having old shady pleasure grounds, and containing four reception and some twelve bed and dressing rooms. There are cottages, and excellent buildings suitable for rearing prize cattle and horses, and the Property has several nice shooting coverts, also rookery. The whole is in good order, lies compactly together, and is surrounded by heavily preserved Estates. Inspected and recommended.—Full particulars of Messrs. JOHN D. Wood & Co., as above. (80,263.)

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£5,000, "NEAR CANTERBURY (in a delight-above sea level). — COUNTRY RESIDENCE, south-west aspect; pretty views; four good reception, fourteen bedrooms, good offices; stabling, small model farmery, outbuildings, and cottages. The beautifully timbered pleasure grounds are a charming feature of the property. Excellent kitchen garden, seventeen acres in all; or 23 for £6,000. Golf; shooting; hunting in district.—Apply John D. Wood & Co., as above. (1356)



EASTERN COUNTIES.—For SALE or LETTING, Furnished, from March, 1006, a first-rate light land shooting MANOR, within drive of Norwich, extending to nearly 3,000 acres, and comprising excellent shooting woodlands of 200 acres, carrying a large head of pheasants, whilst the partidge shooting is particularly good, and has shown bags of over 1,000 head, together with a FINE FAMILY MANSION BEAUTIFULLY SEATED IN GRANDLY TIMBERED AND UNDULATING PARK OF LARGE EXTENT, and containing spacious reception, 25 bedrooms, and good offices.—Full particulars of the Sole Agents, Messrs. John D. Wood & Co., of 6, Mount Street, W., who have inspected and will supply details as to price and rent. (8463.)



THE ABOVE CASTLE, of great historic interest, situate in West of England, near station three hours from London.—The inhabited portion consists of XIVth Century Gate-house, with guardroom, dining hall, drawing and smoking rooms, thirteen bedrooms, bathroom; stabling, picturesque grounds. Rent, Furnished, 4400 per annum, inclusive of up keep.—Apply Messrs John D. Woon & Co., as above. (70,512.)



ESTATE of 400 or 25 ACRES,
THREE BRIDGES.—Very attractive RESIDENTIAL
PROPERTY, extending to about 400 acres, including large
proportion of oak and other woodlands. Modern Residence,
seated in a park of over 80 acres, on rising ground, and containing fourteen bed, two bath, four reception rooms; good offices.
House is lit by acetylene gas, is heated by hot water, has south
and west aspects, good water and drainage. Property includes
well-timbered park, woods and agricultural lands. A smaller
Residence, various farm-houses and buildings, and excellent
cottages. SHOOTING MAKING UP 900 ACRES OBTAINABLE. To be SOLD, as a whole, or would divide and Sell
with, say, 25 acres.—Inspected and recommended by Messrs.
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LOVELY SCENERY OF THE VALE OF USK.
GRAVEL AND LIMESTONE SOIL.

A BERGAVENNY. — A well-timbered RESIDENTIAL
PROPERTY of about 24 acres, occupying a very sheltered
position amidst lovely vale scenery and intersected by a mountain brook. The old-fashioned Residence, which has been
newly restored, is approached by a short avenue of copper
beech, and contains hall, four reception, nine bedrooms and
bathroom; stabling for five. Charming old grounds and productive kitchen garden; three or 24 acres. Hunting, shooting,
and fishing in the district; near station, church and post-office.
To be LET or SOLD. — For further particulars, apply to
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MAGNIFICENT SHELTERED POSITION; tun Manual views, unique seenery; fine air and salubrious climate. — For SALE, this handsome RESIDENCE, most SPLENDIDLY FITTED AND UP-TO-DATE THROUGH-OUT. Surrounded by grounds of natural beauty and heavy timbering, with parklands of nearly 20 acres, through which carriage drive winds with entrance lodge, the whole being most compact. The House affords accommodation for a large family, and has fine hall, reception and billiard rooms. Splendid golf, hunting and shooting available. — Strongly recommended by Messrs. John D. Wood & Co., as above. (70,300) (70,300)

ELEVEN ACRES; TEN BED; STABLING SIX



WARWICKSHIRE (in a good hunting centre, near a town and station two hours London). — Above attractive RESIDENCE, with old pleasure grounds and parklands of over eleven acres, stabling for six horses and two cottages. It contains ten bed and dressing rooms, three reception rooms, and stands on dry soil, commanding good views, and has up-to-date comforts. To LET, Unfurnished, on lease —Particulars of Messrs. John D. Wood & Co., as above. (50,078.)

PRICE £7,500, RENT £250; HANTS (SOUTH), three miles from a town, two hours from London, in a good social district, 300ft. above sea level; gravel soil; old-fashioned COUNTRY HOUSE, planned on two floors, contains lounge hall, handsome drawing room, conservatory, dining and morning rooms, thirteen bedrooms, bath, servants' hall; good set stabling. Drainage entirely relaid. Lodge, two cottages, farmery and 27 acres. Lovely site, with views over miles of wooded country. An attractive feature of the Property is the grounds. They are well laid out, adorned by fine old forest timber, and maintained at trifling cost.—Inspected and highly recommended by John D. Wood & Co., as above. (60,687.)



300 GUINEAS PER ANNUM. FURNISHED HANTS (SOUTH); favourite district, near golf links.—Above stands in park; four reception, fourteen bedrooms; stabling, coachman's quarters, lodge. Very pretty grounds, good kitchen garden, glasshouse, orchard. Gravel soil. 300 acres shooting; hunting.—Apply JOHN D. WOOD and Co., as above. (60,081.)

HIGH SITUATION. GRAND VIEWS



BLACKMORE VALE (beautifully situate on commanding hill, overlooking the Grand Vale for many miles to distant hills).—The above charming stone-built Elizabethan RESIDENCE, surrounded by lovely gardens and undulating grasslands, and containing hall, good reception rooms, and eleven bed and dressing rooms, bathroom, etc., together with good stabling, and excellent farm-buildings, cottages, etc. For SALE, with 28 or up to 76 acres grassland — Inspected and recommended by Messrs. John D. Woop & Co., as above. (6612.)

OLD MANOR HOUSE. NEAR SALISBURY, with characteristic windows and porch, handsome oak staircase, and several panelled rooms. To LET, Furnished or partially Furnished. The accommodation comprises ten bed and three reception rooms, usual offices, and it is in perfect repair. There is stabling for five, with cottage and gardens. Shooting probably obtainable in district.—Recommended by the Agents, Mesers. John D. Wood & Co., 6, Mount Street, London, W. (60,265.)



NOMINAL RENT FOR WINTER, OR LONGER.

SUNNY SOUTH COAST, in favourite district, attractive RESIDENCE, situated at the head of a glen having south aspect, and containing 23 bed and dressing rooms, bath, billiard, five reception rooms; stabling, cott; ges, good water, gravel soil. The features of the property are the

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ENCHANTING GROUNDS

with wide spreading lawns, which are finely timbered, having many conifers, thus always presenting a leafy appearance. The district is an extremely beautiful one. Would LET for merely nominal rent for winter, or to LET, Furnished, by the year, or might possibly SELL.—Inspected and recommended by Messrs. John D. Wood & Co., as above. (6673.)



CHIPPENHAM (with hunting stabling for nine horses).—
UNDER £3.000 will secure the above RESIDENCE or
HUNTING B. X. in shady and secluded grounds, with
exercising paddock and orchard. The House contains eight
bedrooms, bathroom, four reception rooms, and offices, and is
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CHESHIRE (within a mile of the Cathedral City of Chester 40 minutes' rail from Liverpool, 27 from Birkenhe-d, and 65 from Manchester).—A RICHLY TIMBERED RESIDENTIAL ESTATE of about 100 acres. The Manison contains five reception rooms and sixteen bedrooms. THE GROUNDS ARE OF EXCEPTIONAL BRAUTY AND CHARM, having been laid out nearly 30 years since by a professional landscape gardener. There 13 a splendid range of glass in the gardens, and a capital golf course in the very near vicinity. Picturesque Dower House and lodge in grounds. Stabling and outbuildings very commodious. There are a number of cottages always easily letable. For SALE as a wh le, or the Mansion would be LET at the low rent of £350 per annum, tenant keeping up.—Apply John D. Wood & Co., as above. (70,605.)

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HAMPSHIRE (Petersfield district; three-and-a-half miles from station, two-and-a-quarter hours from Town).—Comfortable Family RESIDENCE, on southern slope, commanding charming view, approached by long drive and surrounded by well-timbered grounds and parklands of, in all. 43 acres; fourteen bed, bath, good hall, three reception and billiard rooms, good offices; stabling for eleven, five cottages, and range of convenient buildings; trout fishing can be had in district, and the Property is only three miles from kennels; hunting with two packs. To be SOLD.—Full details of Messrs. John D. Wood and Co., as above. (6446)



DUCKS (one hour on main L. & N.W. Ry.).—The abe excellent Modern RESIDENCE, situated 4coft above so on sandy soil, in miniature park surrounded by lovely woo lands; contains fourteen bed, bath, large halls and suite reception rooms, capital offices; winter garden, etc., a excellent hunting; stabling nine horses.



are DELIGHTFUL GROUNDS affording endless ad walks, lawns, flower and kinchen gardens, etc.; by gas; first-class hunting centre. To be SOLD with a acres.—Recommended by Messrs. John D. Wood and

BLACKMORE VALE.—Capital all round SPORTING ESTATE of 2,000 acres, with excellent Residence in park TE of 2,000 acres, with excellent Residence in park; ed, bath, five reception rooms; well-timbered grounds, ing; electric light; four miles first-class trout fishing, and about 1,000 acres would be SOLD separately. LET, Furnish-d.—Inspected and recommended by DHN D. WOON & Co. (70.154.)



2140 P.A., UNFURNISHED (near Henley and RESIDENCE, beautiully situared; three reception, ten bedrooms, bath; stabling; five acres well-timbered grounds; 600 acres highly pre-erved shooting can be rented.—Apply Messrs. John D. Woon & Co., 6, Mount Street, London, W. (50,005.)



£130, UNFURNISHED.—SURREY HILLS (on the Hog's Back, 400tt. above sea level, one mile ₹5 1 OU• the Hogs Back, 4001t. above sea level, une mile station, quarter of a mle church, etc.; sheltered position; pretty views).—Above contains four reception, billiard, nine bedrooms, bath, good offices and cellar; stabling and man's rooms; well-timbered grounds, tennis lawn, paddock; water laid on; golf links one-and-a-half miles.—Apply John D. Wood and Co., as above. (20,046.)



DORSETSHIRE (in good hunting centre, one mile from town and station).—To LET, Unfurnished, the above comfortable RESIDENCE, having fifteen bed, bath, three reception rooms, good offices; stabling for six. Nice old grounds and paddocks, in all about fifteen acres.—Full details of Messrs. John D. Wood & Co., as above. (6594.)

450FT. UP. TWO HOURS LONDON.



NEWBURY DISTRICT.—This charming and very beautiful Elizabethan RESIDENCE, with well-timbered and picturesque grounds, overlooking heavily-timbered parklands, and containing fine saloon hall and picture gallery, billiard and good reception rooms, fifteen principal bed and dressing rooms, bathrooms, etc. It contains a quantity of oak work, is amply heated and lighted by gas. There is first-class stabling for ten horses, with cottages, etc.; also about 180 acres land and shooting over nearly 1,000 acres, comprising 126 acres coverts and plantations. Hunting, golf, available. To LET, Unfurnished on lease, or Estate would be SOLD. Inspected and strongly recommended.—Particulars of Messrs. John D. Wood & Co., as above. (1529.)

WELL-KNOWN SEAT IN 800-ACRE PARK, ON 11,000 ACRE ESTATE.



MPORTANT LANDED DOMAIN, with above palatial Modern MANSION, in midst of grandly undulated and magnificently timbered park seven miles in circumference, and containing handsome suites of entertaining and family rooms, and first-rate bedroom accommodation of about 40 rooms. The appointments and furnishings are of an exceptionally high order, and with its characteristics and distinctive features, forms one of the most lovely homes for a family of rank and wealth now to be met with in a capital all-round sporting country only two hours from London, where four days a week bunting is to be had, whilst the Estate with n ard y 1,000 acres of splendid sporting woodlands shows capital shooting. This very fine place to be LET, Furnished, for a term, with about 8,000 acres of shooting, and full particulars, views, etc., can be obtained from the Agents, who have personally inspected and can strongly recommend it in every way.—Apply to Messrs. John D. Wood & Co., as above. (50,131.)



000 ACRES SHOOTING; THREE MILES TROUT FISHING.

HAMPSHIRE (under two hours from Town by express service).—The above comfortable MANSION, seated in midst of a large well-timbered park surrounded by an estate of 5,000 acres with capital coverts; the whole affording first-class shooting, and about 1,200 partridges. It contains 25 bed, good reception rooms, large halls, billiard room, offices. Stabling for sixteen. Charming old grounds surround the house, shaded by fine timber. To be LET on Lease.—Inspected and recommended by Messrs. John D. Wood & Co., as above. (6354-)

GUINEAS A WEEK (between Warwick and Birmingham; two-and-three-quarter hours from London, half-a-mile from station).—To be LET for the Hunting season or by the year, a very charming RECTORY, on gravel soil, 460ft, above sea level; thirteen bedrooms, five reception; stabling for five delightful pleasure grounds; hunting with the N. Warwickshier. The rentasked is exceptionally low. Golf links close; drainage and water first-rate.—Apply John D. Wood & Co., as above. (5328.)



RECOMMENDED.

BLACKMORE VALE (in a well-timbered park of 40 acres).—A comfortable stone-built RESIDENCE, partly old, partly new, some 400ft. above sea, S.-S.W. aspects, and containing thirteen bed, bath, lounge hall with Sheraton staircase, drawing room 40ft. by 20ft., and three other good reception rooms, complete offices; capital stabling; nice garden and full sized croquet lawn; position for hunting with the Blackmore Vale is excellent. Shooting over 300 acres (400 rabbits killed) goes with house, and nice stretch of fishing which is about fourteen miles distant; polo grounds within reach. To be LET beautifully Furnished.—Apply Messrs. John D. Wood & Co., as above. (70,162.)



ONE HOUR FROM LONDON,—Suitable for a family of distinction.—For SALE, RESIDENTIAL ESTATE between 300 and 400 acres, occupying a high plateau in a favourite county, three miles from a good market town on a main line of railway. The well-designed Mansion, above depicted, contains a suite of seven handsome reception rooms, about 20 bedrooms, heated by hot water and lighted by electricity; stands in centre of a grand old timbered park; commodious stabling: charming but inexpensive grounds; gravel soil; farms all let; lodge, cottages, etc. Income about £400 exclusive of residential portion. Good hunting, shooting, polo and golf.—Inspected and highly recommended by JOHN D. WOOD & Co., as above. (40,092.)



ONE MILE EXCLUSIVE TROUT FISHING.

ABOVE RESIDENCE AT AN ALTITUDE OF 450FT.

ANTS (between Basingstoke and Liphook; beautiful position).—Unfurnished, long lease; three reception, lodge, two cottages; choice old grounds with long stretch of river; prolific kitchen gardens; good sporting as above.—Inspected and recommended by John D. Wood & Co., as above. (6079.)



3,000 ACRES, SHOOTING.

MIDLANDS (FAVOURITE PART), TWO HOURS
FROM LONDON.—To be LET, Furnished, the above
COUNTRY MANSION, in deer park of 300 acres, intersected
by a stream; three drives and lodges, noble suite of entertain
ing rooms, some 30 bedrooms, commodious offices, stabling,
and outbuildings. Drainage just re-laid. The inexpensive
pleasure grounds are of infinite charm. Dry soil. Good shooting over the Estate of some 3,000 acres (150 cover), yields 600
partridges, 100 hares, 4,000 rabbits a season. Near kennels
of forkhounds.—Inspected and highly recommended by John
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NORTHUMBERLAND (close to a station).—The above delightful MANSION, seated in park of nearly 300 acres, and surrounded by nearly 6,000 acres, first-class mixed shooting, having nearly 500 acres good covert. The Residence contains in all some 30 bed and dressing rooms, large halls and fine suite of reception rooms, with billiard room. The beautiful old grounds, shaded by fine timber, having large flower and kitchen gardens, winding walks, etc., run down to the sea, and in all extend to about 130 acres. There is stabling for 25 horses, with every accommodation for grooms, etc. Hunting five days a week. Some grassland, with cow bytes, will be included. Good drains and water. RENT, FURNISHED, on five years' Lease, £1.000pter annum, owner paying keepers and gardenes.—Full details of Messrs. John D. Wood & Co., 6, Mount Street, London, W. (80,001.)



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VORKS. NORTH RIDING (the most beautiful and bealthy situation in the county, 350ft. above sea level; dry soil).—MANSION, above depicted, in park of 230 acres with lake; south aspect, fine views; contains good suite of reception and 24 bedrooms, heated by hot water; stabling, lodges; very pretty grounds. 2,700 acres shooting; salmon and trout fishing on Estate; good hunting. To be LET, UNFURNISHED or FURNISHED.—Apply JOHN D. WOOD and Co., as above. (80,088.)



DUKE OF BEAUFORT'S AND V.W.H. (in a first-class hunting centre, under two hours from Town by excellent express service).—The above old-fashioned RESI-DENCE, placed high in well-timbered grounds, commanding picturesque views; thirteen bed, bath, four reception, billiard rooms, good offices. Complete hunting stabling for nine; golf two miles. TO BE LET, FURNISHED, FOR YEAR OR LONGER.—Further particulars of Messrs. John D. Wood and Co., as above. (6156.)



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G.W.RY, (also within reach of L. & S.W. Ry., and an important express station, with easy run to Town).—A fine RESIDENTIAL ESTATE, 3,300 acres, nicely adapted for shooting, and INTERSECTED BY A WELL-KNOWN TROUT STREAM, and also well-placed for a little hunting. The Residence contains a fine suite of reception rooms, and some 26 bed and dressing rooms all told, usual offices; stabling, and lovely old-world grounds of great antiquity. The noble entrance hall and principal rooms are panelled in richly carved oak, and have original-ceilings and fitments of an exceptionally beautiful character of the Elizabethan period. Heated throughout; perfectly dry; light soil. TO BE LET, INSPECTED AND MIGHT POSSIBLY SELL.—Inspected and strongly recommended by Messrs. John D. Wood & Co., as above. (60,260.)

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TO SPORTING TENANTS, EASTERN COUNTIES (two-and-a-half hours' rail from London).—Furnished for a year, or longer, a well-known COUNTY SEAT; Mansion, in extensive park, contains six reception, 28 bedrooms. Shooting over the demesne of 7,000 acres. One of the best managed sporting Estates in the country. The bag is an increasing quantity. This season, up to end of October, 3,200 partridges were shot. 3,000 pheasants are expected. Hares and rabbits numerous. Also wild duck, snipe and teal.—Apply John D. Wood & Co., as above. (80,251.)



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ONE HOUR ON L. & N.W. MAIN LINE (in capital modern RESIDENCE, in centre of some 30 acrees of BEAUTIFUL GROUNDS AND LANDS, with tennis and other lawns. HANDSOME DRAWING ROOM,



oom, smoking room, eleven bedrooms, stic offices; stabling for four; gas laid Would be SOLD, with 30 or more essrs. John D. Wood & Co., as above.



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(close to station, four-and-a-half hours from Town).—
Capital RESIDENTIAL SPORTING ESTATE of 1,800 acres, together with the exceedingly comfortable Residence, well fitted with all modern conveniences, electric light, and water supply gravitation, standing over fooft, above sea, surrounded by well-timbered estate and old grounds; contains seventeen bed, two bath, four reception, billiard rooms; stabling for seven; five cottages, etc. The Estate lies well together and is all let (with the exception of bouse, covers and shooting) to sound tenants, and produces capital rent roll; the property affords excellent pheasant shooting, is good partridge ground, and carries a large head of rabbits; more shooting can be rented, and there is some salmon and trout fishing; good hunting. To be S.J.L.D.—Full particulars of Messrs. C. R. Morris, Sons and Peard. North Curry, Taunton, and Messrs. John D. Wood and Co., 6, Mount Street, London, W., who have personally inspected. (7508.)

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OR THE ESTATE WOULD BE SOLD Personally inspected and strongly:recommended.—Rent and all particulars of Messrs. John D. Wood & Co., as above.

VORKS (in a good all-round sporting district, close to station and near main line).—3,000 acres first-class mixed SHOOTING, with large coverts showing pretty shooting, together with gentleman's Residence, having twelve bed, bath, four reception rooms, good offices; capital stabling; pretty but inexpensive grounds; hunting with two well-known packs. To LET, Unfurnished. A Farm of 100 acres can be rented if desired.—Full details of Messrs. JOHN D. WOOD & CO. (80,086.)



CUNDULATING PARK. ELECTRIC LIGHT.

G.W. RY (within easy distance of Town).—A beautifully disposed RESIDENTIAL and SPORT-RULY ESTATE of about 800 acres, togsether with a well-situated Residence, on high ground, in small park with carriage drive and lodge, and containing sixteen to tighteen bedrooms, nice suite of reception rooms; good stabling; very attractive old cardens and grounds; farm-house, cottages, and buildings lincome of £600 to £700 p.a. from the farms; light soil; and for size of Estate, very fair partridge and other shooting, little hunting also. To be SOLD at moderate figure.—Inspected and recommended by Messrs. John D. Wood & Co., 6, Mount Street, W. (§318.)



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3,000 Georgian MANSION ninety minutes' rail from Town). To LET. well Furnished and electrically lighted. About 20 bed and dressing rooms, billiard room, etc.; beautiful pleasure grounds and well-timbered park; all in perfect condition. Moderate rent.—Apply to the Agents, ALEX. H. TURNER & Co. 60, South Audley Street, W.

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A HANDSOMELY FURNISHED MANSION.

Magnificent position. Glorious views.

SURREY (near the delightful old town of Guildford, with its excellent train service and beautiful surrounding scenery).—To be LET, Furnished, a superlatively fine modern MANSION, occupying an exquisite situat in with an unrivalled prospect, extending for miles; about 20 bed and dressing rooms, grand surte of reception rooms, with billiard room; ample stabling, and lovely and extensive grounds; water and gas laid on; heating apparatus.—Rent and all particulars of the Agents, ALEX. H. TURNER & Co., 69, South Audley Sireet, W., and Guildford, who can strongly recommend from personal acquaintance.

OXTED 450ft. above sea, sandy soil, close to golf.—Lease for DISPOSAL of a charming old-fashioned RESI-DENCE in five acres of shady grounds, orchard, and paddock; lounge hall, oak-panelled reception rooms, eight bed and dressing rooms, bath; stabling; modern sanitation; Company's water. Moderate rent and premium.—Recommended from inspection by ALEX. H. TURNER & Co., 69, South Audley Street. W.



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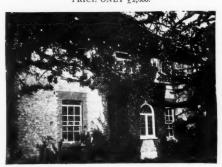
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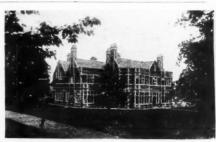
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TO LET, Unfurnished, for term of years (seven years or longer), with immediate possession, HOUGHTON HILL, Huntingdon, on prettiest part of the Ouse; good Country House, with gardens and park; one-and-a-half miles from St. Ives Station (G.E. Ry.), four miles from Huntingdon (G.N. Ry.); fast train service to London and the North of England; thirteen miles from Cambridge, and easy distance of Newmarket; Houghton church, post and telegraph office in the village near to, and R C. churches both at Huntingdon and St. Ives. The House is delightfully situated in one of the finess positions in the country, on a height, in beautifully-timbered grounds and undulating park, comprising about 75 acres, including charming leasure grounds, contaming magnificent old cedars, tennis lawn, rose and flower garden, kitchen garden of nearly three-quarters of an acre, with south wall, orchard, and pony paddock; comfortable lodge at one entrance to park; stabling of two good loose boxes, three stalls with two lots over boxes, pony stable, two coach-houses, hatness-room, fruit or bicycle house, og kennels, piggeries, tool houses; good rabbit shooting in the park; hunting with the Fitzwilliam and Cambridgeshire hounds; boating and fishing on the Ouse; golf Iniks at Huntingdon and 5t. Ives; good society in the neighbourhood.—Further particulars, with card to view, may be obtained of R. King & Son, Land Agents, St. Ives, Hunts; or CHARLES F. MARTELIT, Solicitor, to, Staple Inn, London, W.C.

R. KING & SON, Land Agents, St. Ives, Hunts; or CHARLES F. MARRELI, Solicitor, 10, Staple Inn, London, W.C.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON NEIGHBOURHOOD.

OLD TUDOR MANOR HOUSE, MICKLETON, seven miles from Stratford-on-Avon, three miles from thore on the strom three-and-a-halt miles from Honeybourne Junction Stations (G.W. Ry.)—To be SOLD, the above genuine old Manor itouse of the Elizabethan period, recently restored and redecorated regardless of expense, to harmonise with the antiquity of the old bouse, and fitted with every modern convenience. Hunting with the Warwickshire, North Cotswold, Heythrop, and the Worcestershire Hounds six days a week. House contains entrance hall, dining room, drawing room (panelled with bare oak timbers), a beautifully oak-panelled staircase, butler's pantry, kitchens, pantry, larder, good cellars, coal house, etc.; seven bedrooms, boxroom, well-fitted large bathroom, housemaid's cupboard, two w.c. s, back staircase, store, and other cupboards. Good stabling for four horses (plenty of room for more if required), harness room, and coach-house, with glass-covered yard between this and other buildings for washing carriages, etc. Orchard and walled-in garden, plenty of room for tennis and croquet; planted with rose trees, apple, apricot, and other choice fruits. About an acre. The above is situated in one of the most charming neighbourhoous in this part of the adjoining Cotswold country, most bracing and fashionable, within easy reach of stations, which will shortly have a fast though communication train service to and from Birmingham and the West of England. Hunting six days a week with the finest packs of bounds in the Kingdom. Early possession can be had.—For further particulars, apply Walker Barnard, F.A.I. (Sole Agent), Estate Offices, Strattord-on-Avon.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—800-acre FARM to LET, 330 acres grass; farm-house and three sets farm-buildings several cottages; near two good market towns, with easy distance of a station. Immediate possession by arrangement—Full particulars of Messrs. Beck & Ellis, I and Ag. mts, Great Missenden, Bucks.

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Electric light; Company's water; 7 or 35 acres; attractive
Residence; golf.

WOKING.—To be SOLD, or might be LET, together
with about seven-and-a-half acres of well laid-out and
planted grounds, and four cottages.
AN ATTRACTIVE WELL-BUILT RESIDENCE.
Containing pretty dining and drawing rooms, charming oakpanelled lounge hall, eight bedrooms, two bathrooms, and
good domestic offices; annexe containing store rooms, and also
two rooms capable of being used as bedrooms, also detached
studio; tennis and croquet lawns; good kitchen garden with
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three horses, coach-house, etc.; one-and-a-half miles from
station under an hour from Town. Additional 28 acres may be
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SURREY —Valuable Freehold Plot of BUILDING LAND for SALE, at Woking, 150ft. frontage to main parish road and 30oft. deep, comprising about one-and-a-quarter acres. Magnificent view over the surrounding country, looking right across to Cobham Hills; one-and-a-quarter miles from station, with nearly 40 trains to and from London daily; Hook Heath Golf Links within ten minutes' walk; near church and village. Land Tax redeemed. Price £550—For full particulars, plans, etc., apply A. Synney, 4, Paddington Street, W.

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ORFOLK,—To LET, rent free till Lady Day, REEDHAM OLD HALL (Unfurnished), on Lease or otherwise; excelent repair; four sitting, nine bed and dressing rooms, walledin garden two vineries, eight acres, paddock, coachman's cottage; good stabling; station one mile, river half-a-mile; 22 trains a day to Norwich. Rent £85, on Lease.—Apply Carr. H. Berg, Tashurgh, Norwich to Norwich. I urgh, Norwich



TO BE SOLD (price £2 500, with possession or would be Let on Lease; rent £150), an XVIIIth Century COUNTRY HOUSE in a good residential and hunting district 23 miles from London, ten minutes walk from station; standing in old and attractive gardens, with tennis and croquet lawns; Dutch flower garden; accommodation comprises twelve bed and dressing rooms, boudoir, five reception rooms, good domestic offices; stabling, three stalls, loose box, chaise house, etc.—Apply to Alfared Savill & Sons, Surveyors, 39, New Broad Street. London, E.C.

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TO BE LET from 1st February, 1906. the SHOOTING and
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and all usual offices; four cottages and one or two fields; good
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gardens, and about 3,500 acres of mixed farm, woo I, and moorland, of which about 160 acres are good coverts and 500 acres of
moors. Excellent partridge, pheasant, and rabbit shooting,
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this season about 1,000. The fishing comprises three miles of
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EAST NORFOLK.— For SALE, a compact, comfortable and well-kept Freehold HOUSE, known as "The Cottage," Great Ormesby, close to church, telegraph office, and station; within easy distance of Caister and Great Yarmouth Golf Links, sea, and Broads; three reception, six bed, two dressing rooms, and barbroom; bot and cold supply upstairs and down. Walled-in flower and kitchen gardens, with small greenhouse; detached stabling for two, and coach-house Company's water laid on. Dry soil. Early possession.—Apply Maddison, Milles & Maddison, Auctioneers, Great Yarmouth.

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"EDWINSTOWE HOUSE," with or without 24 acres of land, of which about fourteen are grass. Entry Lady Day, 1906. The House is situated in Sherwood Forest, within five minutes' walk of Edwinstowe Station (L.D. & E.C. Ry.), in the centre of the Rufford Hunt, and within easy reach of Lord Galway's Hounds. It contains three public rooms, entrance hall, smoking room, bathroom, three w.c.'s, two bedrooms with dressing rooms attached, five single bedrooms, good servants' accommodation, cellars. The stables contain five loose boxes, four stalls, good loft and corn chamber, large coach-house, four stalls, good loft and corn chamber, large coach-house large acottage laundry, greenhouse, tennis and croquet lawns and suitable farm-buildings for the land at present attached to the holding. There is a good water supply by gravitation over the whole premises. The tenant has the right of fly fishing in the River Maun, which flows close to the House.—For further particulars, apply to R. W. Wordsworth, Estates Office, Thoresby Park, Ollerton, Newark.

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Excellent SHOOTING to LET on Lease, 3,000 to 4,000 acres, from 1st February next; also FARMS, Say, 1,000 acres, included in above, with power to sub-let the farms; good farmhouses, buildings, and cottages; nine miles from Bury St. Edmunds, seven miles from Newmarket, three miles from Higham Station (G.E. Ry.).—Apply Henry Donne, bristol, Estates Office, Bury St. Edmunds.



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OBE LET in this splendid building, part of the ground floor, and the whole of third floor; specially suitable for a publisher, or for banking or insurance offices; electric lift, lighting, and every modern convenience.—Apply to the "Manager," COUNTRY LIFE, Tavistock Street, Covent Garden,



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SURREY HILLS (seventeen miles from London, convenient to City, near station).—Unfurmished HOUSE; nine bedrooms, all modern conveniences; about one-and-aquarter acres of matured garden, greenhouses, etc.; lovely scenery; healthy district. On Lease, £110, or Freehold, £2,150.—Apply to "X," Willow Grange, Goring.

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HINDHEAD (Surrey).—To be SOLD, moderate-sized HOUSE, containing three sitting, eight bed, two dressing rooms, bathroom, kitchen, servants' hall, and offices; high situation; built under architect's supervision for owner, who is taking a larger house in the same district.—Apply Owner, c/O HICKSON & MOIR, Solicitors, 52, New Broad Struct, London, E.C.

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pleasure grounds. Very fine billiard room and suite of reception rooms, about 25 bed and dressing rooms, four bathrooms,
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Excellent hunting with Kildare Hounds.—Apply Winkworth
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3.000 ACRES OF SHOOTING, together with a commodious Furnished RESIDENCE, about 23 miles out of London, in a delightfully rural spot, to be LET by the year or on a short lease. The Mansion stands on high ground, commands extensive views, and contains hall, billiard room, four reception rooms and over 20 bed and dressing rooms. Company's water; drainage just relaid. Stabling for ten horses; farm-buildines and two cottages, lawns, walled kitchen garden, and vineries.—Apply Winkworth & Co., as above. (c F 646.)

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To be SOLD, by Private Treaty, PRIOR'S LEA, Gentleman's Residence; four reception rooms, fifteen bed and
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WANTED an ESTATE in Norfolk, Suffolk, Herefordshire, Shropshire, Monmouthshire, or Hampshire, a really good mansion, containing not less than 25 bedrooms and up to about 2,000 acres of land (according to price); good partidge shooting is essential, and a fair return on the sum invested.—"R. O. N. S.," c/o Messrs. Mabbett & Edge, as above.

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UP TO f250 000, POSSIBLY MORE.

WANTED an ESTATE up to 10,000 acres (not less than 5,000 acres considered), within about three hours' rail from Town; a really gool shoot is required, fishing a great attraction, but hunting not necessary. Commodious mansion liked, but a small one considered if capable of being enlarged.

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WANTED TO RENT, Unfurnished or partly Furnished,
with option of Purchase; within two hours of Town:
nine for the bedrooms, three or four reception, and good hall;
stabling for three, or motor house; four or five acres grounds;
golf, hunting, etc., a consideration. Not Kent, seaside, or
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WANTED, small COUNTRY HOUSE in hunting district,
at least two sitting rooms, six bedrooms, and
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AANTED TO PUBRCHASE, or Lease, within so miles

WANTED TO PURCHASE, or Lease, within 50 miles of London, a small ESTATE from 200 up to 500 acres, either with or without a small modern House; old gardens and timber a necessity; high-class agricultural land less desired than a good sporting property; fishing on the Estate, or suitable land to bank up and make a lake, will be considered an advantage; hunting no object.—Full particulars must be given in the first instance to "T. M. 344," c/o Messrs. Deacon's, Leadenhall Street, E.C.

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(not less than 800 acres), suitable for pheasants. Residence to
contain not less than six principal bedrooms, and Manor House
or improved farm-house preferred. A farm of 200 to 500 acres
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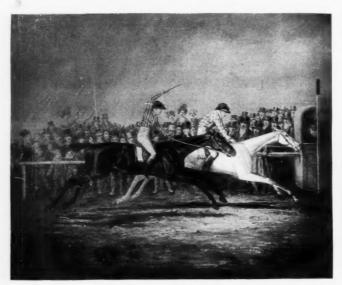


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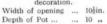
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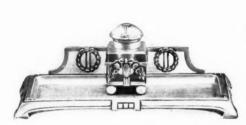
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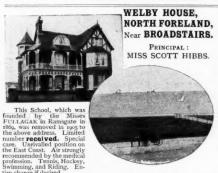
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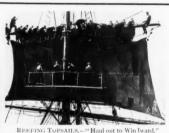
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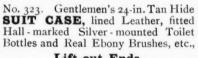
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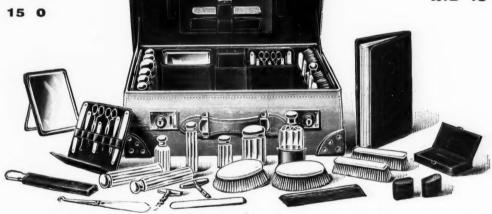
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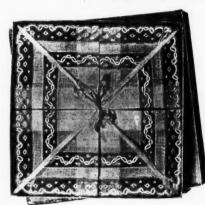
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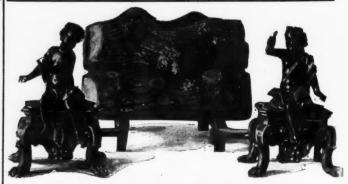
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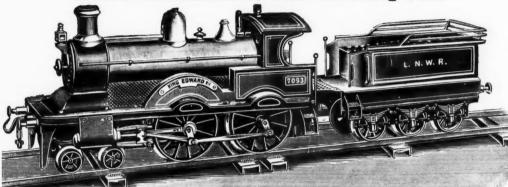


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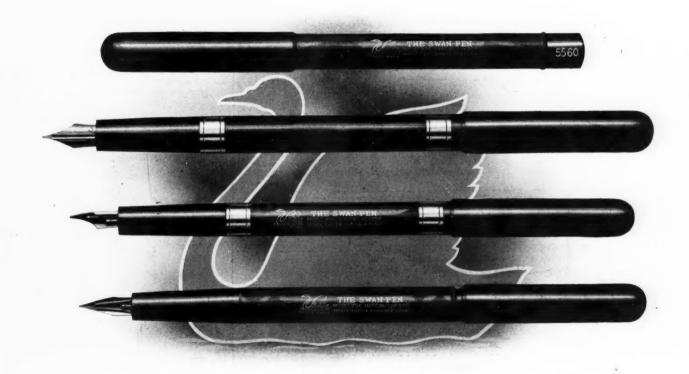


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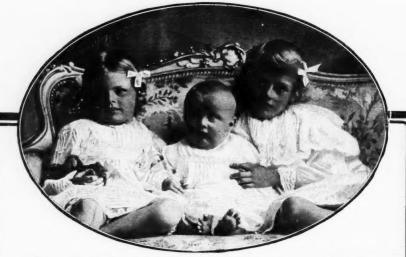


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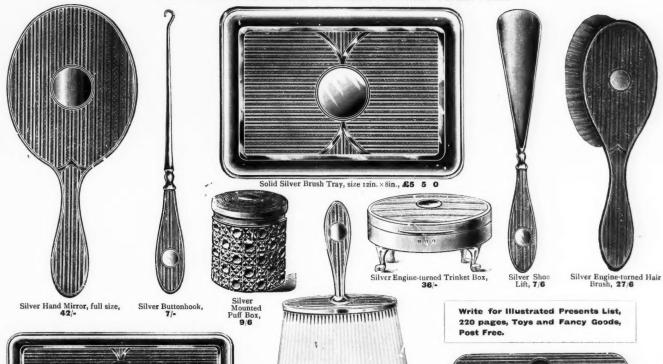
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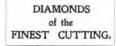
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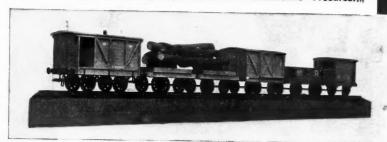
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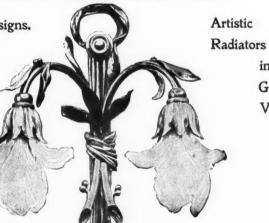
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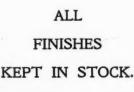
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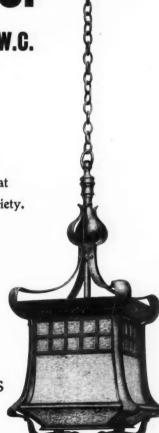
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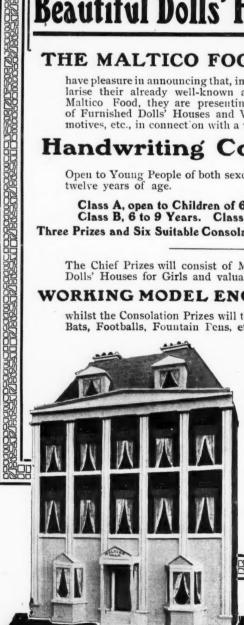
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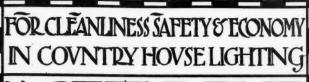


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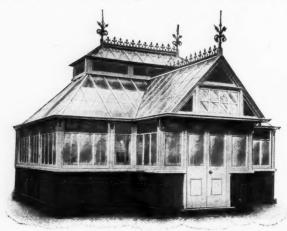
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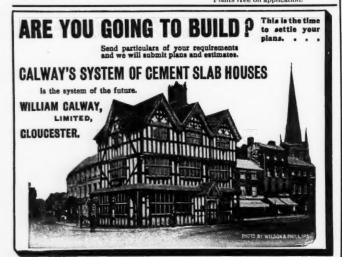
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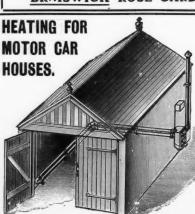
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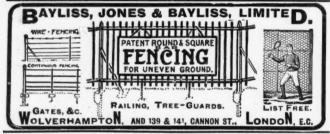
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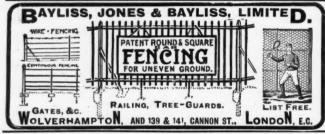
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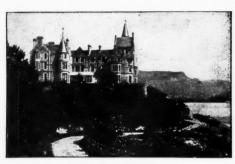
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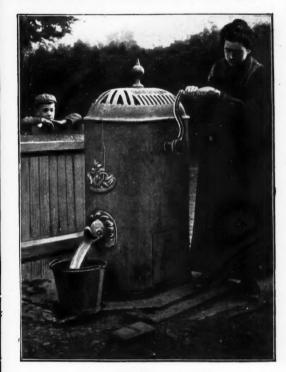
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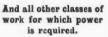
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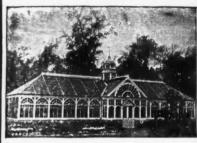
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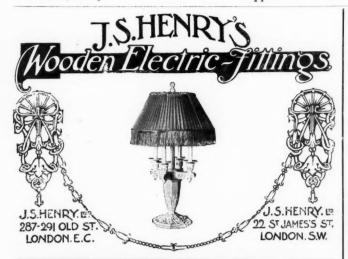


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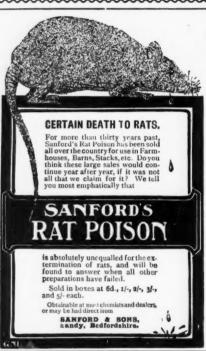
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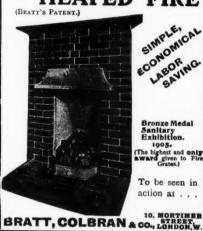
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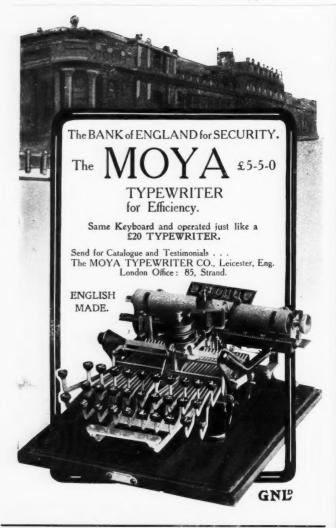
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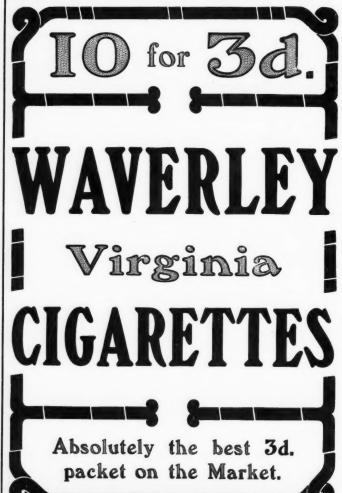
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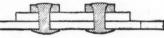
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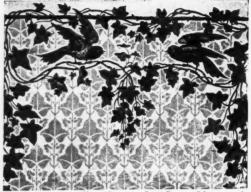
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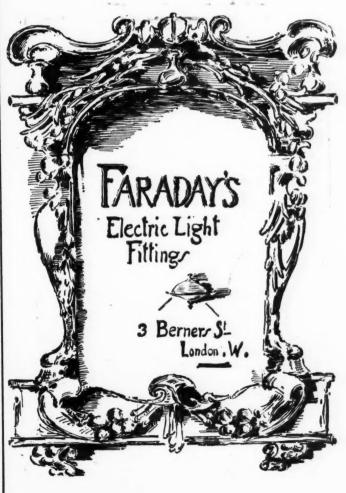
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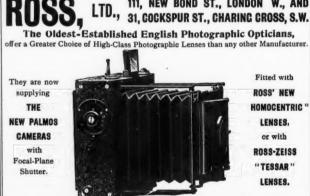
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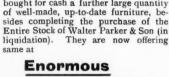
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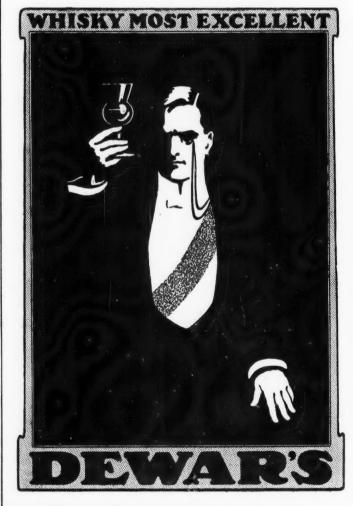
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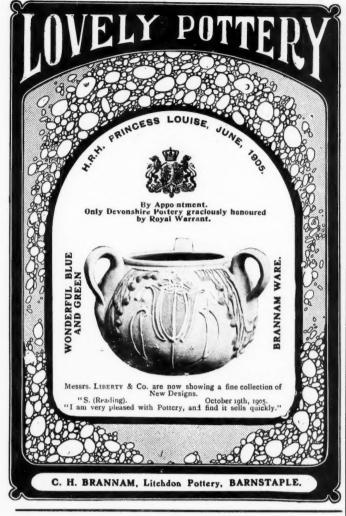




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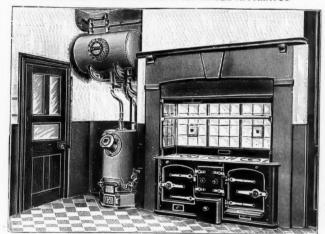
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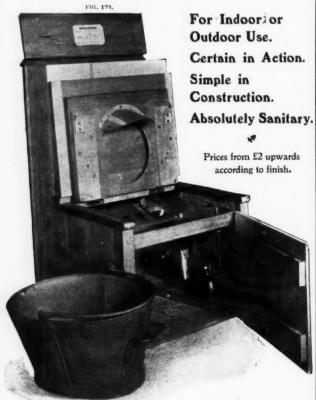
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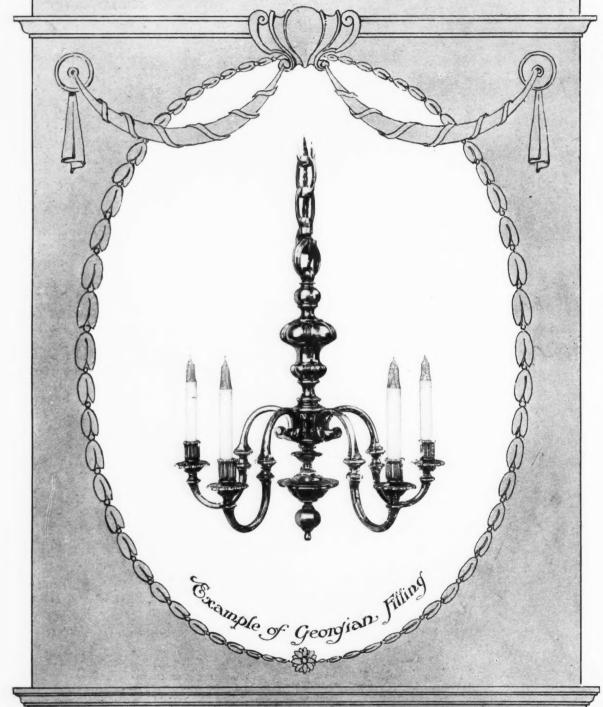
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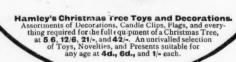
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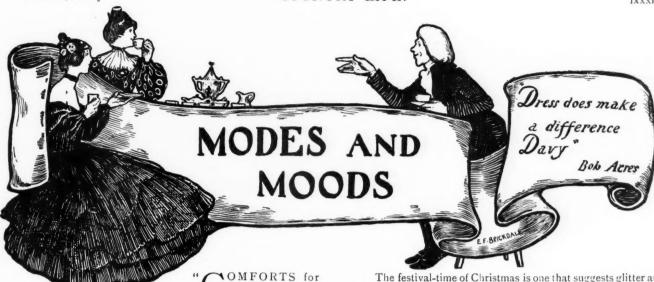


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ENTERTAINMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS PARTIES.



indoor and outdoor wear" is the best description that can be given of the two admirable garments of Messrs. D. H. Evans and Co. which I have chosen

for illustration this week. Nothing could be more ideally com-fortable, as well as becoming, than the dressing-gown in ruby zenana, that charming material with its silken surface and warm wool back. This dressing-gown is particularly well cut, flowing out in a Watteau fold at the back, under which passes a cord girdle that is tied in front, where the gown crosses. It is bordered with a woven braid in an Oriental design, which is very effective on the ruby red; and the sleeves also are very quaint and original. A more delightfully easy garment to slip on when one comes in tired after a long day it would be difficult to find. The "outdoor comfort" is well expressed in the long driving - coat in black box-cloth, lined with fine squirrel-lock, which is both light and warm. The coat is adorned with a deep collar of Persian lamb, which can be turned up cosily round the head and neck; and altogether it is an ideal coat for travelling, driving, or motoring. It can be had in black, dark blue, or deep red, according to taste; and would indeed fill the heart of anyone who received it as a Christmas present with deep and lasting gratitude. A visit to Messrs. D. H. Evans's to procure one or both of these garments I have illustrated should include a descent to the splendid Christmas Bazaarin the basement, where gifts for the seven ages of man and woman are set out in

bewildering profusion.

The festival-time of Christmas is one that suggests glitter and sparkle more than any other period of the year. The glitter of frost and the sparkle of icicles seem to be specially adapted for interpretation in our evening dresses; and the manufacturers have caught the mood of the moment, for never have sequins of all kinds and



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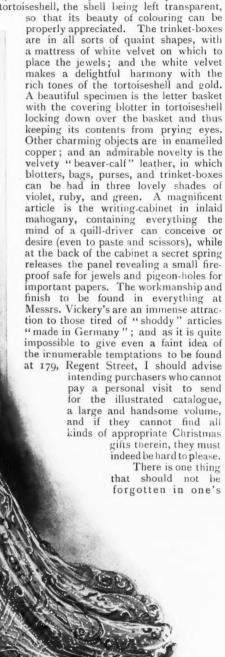
colours been more popular than they are now, or more beautiful in their arrangement. Some of the most successful are those I have seen this week at Messrs. Dickins and Jones's, one of which I have selected for illustration. It is of white tulle, with long lines of copper-coloured sequins falling from the waist to the knees, where they are met by a beautiful appliqué design of poppies whose petals are made of copper tissue, which has an exceedingly rich effect. I was divided in admiration between this dress and another wherein the long and becoming lines of silver sequins on the white tulle were interspersed with perpendicular garlands of palest creamy pink chiffon roses, so lightly

dicular garlands of palest creamy pink chiffon roses, so lightly and airily applied to the diaphanous material that one could hardly believe the work was that of human fingers. Another dress, also in white tulle, had appliqué flowers in cloth of silver; while a remarkably effective Empire dress was in black tulle with Empire garlands and Greek key pattern in heavy black jet. Anyone in search of effective evening gowns for the coming festive season should certainly go to Messrs. Dickins and Jones's and see these beautiful creations.

We give an immense amount of thought to our appearance before the public; but are not the majority of women too indifferent about their appearance in the privacy of their bedrooms? A wise person once wrote that no woman who valued her husband's affection would let him see her in a flannel petticoat; vet what is the unsightliness of that warm and meritorious and possibly dainty garment to the unloveliness of curl-papers? We pile frills and embroideries and ribbons on our night-gowns and sauts-de-lit, but we let our heads go bare and unadorned at the very time when they most need adornment, not having the advantage of carefully-dressed locks. This terribly unwise condition of things has prompted Countess Fabbricotti to come to the rescue with her nightcaps; and the extraordinary success they have had is the best proof of how much such accessories to a bedroom toilette are needed. The success is, indeed, well deserved, for anything so dainty, so bewitching, and so becoming as these little caps of finest muslin and lace it would be impossible to imagine. They turn every face into a Greuze; the soft frills of lace make the skin look like a rose leaf, soften the outlines, make a poem out of the plainest prose of curl-papers and "wavers," which they com-pletely hide out of sight; while those blessed with naturally curling hair which scorns such adventitious aids as bigoudis or curling-tongs look more seductive still when the curls peep out under lace and ribbons. The caps are of all manner of designs. There is the Dutch cap with falling "wings" of Maltese lace, and a head-band of Valenciennes held by rosettes of blue and white satin at either side; the "Maintenon," with barbes of Colbert lace caught up in the centre with a rosette; the Corday the centre with a rosette; the Corday cap of creamy yellow lace, with a deep frill falling low at each side and rising to a point over the forehead, under a Louis XV. bow of black velvet; the baby cap of shaped bands of Valenciennes insertion, run through

of Valenciennes insertion, run through with pale pink satin comète ribbons, ending in clusters over each temple; and yet another in finest muslin, encrusted with medallions of lace, each medallion outlined with tiny gathered pale blue satin ribbons, interspersed with rose pink ribbon roses. Each cap is lovelier and daintier than the other, and in each cap one finds one's self more unexpectedly good-looking than one could have imagined possible from previous acquaintance with a looking-glass. As we spend about half our lifetime in bed, there is every reason we should try to look as well therein as we can; and every woman who wants to look better than she has ever done before should visit Countess Fabbricotti's dainty little establishment, 5, South Molton Street, W., and possess herself of as many of these novel aids to beauty as she can afford.

Christmas gifts are fast becoming the chief occupation of our waking thoughts; and in spite of carefully-prepared lists we are apt to get hopelessly befogged as to what to choose. For those who love to find objects out of the common, a visit to Messrs. Vickery's in Regent Street can be confidently recommended, for nowhere else are there such "cute notions," as the Yankees would say, to be found. Another point in this firm's favour is that as much as possible they encourage British industries, and most of their beautiful goods do not hail from the Continent. Among their most lovely novelties this year are the articles in inlaid tortoiseshell, the shell being left transparent, so that its beauty of colouring can be



AN EVENING GOWN IN WHITE TULLE AT MESSRS. DICKENS AND JONES.

armoury of attraction, and that is a good perfume. More crimes are committed by women towards their neighbour in the matter of scents than pen can describe. How often has one's enjoyment of a play, a dinner, or a supper (that is to say, places where one cannot seek relief in flight) been completely spoiled by some woman reeking of bad, coarse scent, such as various—alas! popular—ones I could name, whose sickly, clinging smell produces a distinct feeling of nausea in all her neighbours! Nothing requires more careful choice than perfumes; and some to be thoroughly recommended are those of Lubin, the famous Parisian firm of perfumers. The Lubin Eau de Toilette is world-renowned, and nothing will better help to obtain and retain a fresh and velvety skin than the daily use of this deliciously fragrant "water" in one's bath. The firm have just brought

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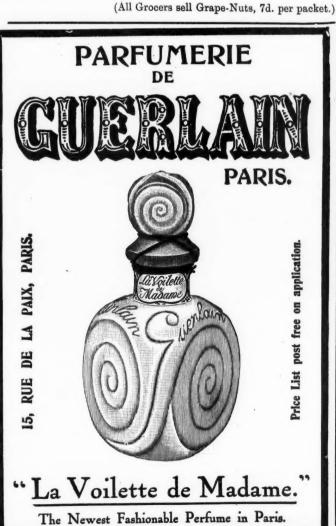
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strength, brings many delights in the way of hearty exercise, which can be enjoyed far more in brisk and bracing cold than in the languorous heat of summer. But in all winter sports one must remember the importance of keeping warm, and the usual difficulty is to do this without being over-weighted or having one's freedom of movement trammelled by too long a garment. Burberry's syotis-coat, of which I give an illustration, fulfils both these requirements. It is a loose coat of "Game-feather" or Harris tweed, lined with opossum fur, of which also there is a deep collar, that can be turned up round the ears and the back of the head. The coat only reaches midway to the knee -long enough to cover the hips and loins, but not long enough to impede perfect freedom of movement; and anyone bound for Switzerland and the Engadine with the intention of tasting the exquisite yet violent joys of lugeing, ski-ing, or tobogganing, could not do better than include one of these Burberry coats in his or her kit, for they are made for both men

It is not only the outer man and woman which needs being kept warm at this time of year. The best way to keep warm and avoid the ever-ready chill is to have proper underclothing, a second skin, as it were, to keep the sensitive human cuticle from harm. There is no better way of doing this than to adopt Dr. Rasurel's Hygienic Under-wear, made of pure natural wool and peat. These admirable elastic stockinet garments, which can be had in various weights and thick-nesses to suit all requirements, ensure the perfect action of the skin which keeps the body healthy. Dr. Rasurel's materials are en-tirely made of the best and purest wool and peat fibres; they are soft,

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wood and peat fibres; they are soft, elastic, unshrinkable, free from dye, and are not subjected to any treatment which might be injurious to the health. For delicate peo[1] and sufferers from rheumatism and all its kindred ailments, they are invaluable; while they are equally to be recommended to sportsmen, and all who go in for violent exercise, the antiseptic action of the peat fibres being excellent in absorbing and evaporating any excess of personation. The Dr. Resurel and evaporating any excess of perspiration. The Dr. Rasurel



cussing warm garments I must not forget to call attention to the admirable handspun, hand-woven, pure wool Irish ĥomespunsand tweeds which are supplied by Messrs. Hamilton and Co., who have their depôt for Irish

Peasant Industries at the White House, Portrush, Ireland. These homespuns make ideal wear for golf, travelling, or yachting, for they never crease, they do not show dirt or dust, and are

almost proof against wear and tear. Messrs. Hamilton supply them by the yard any length, or will make them up to measure for either men or women, as they have a large tailoring department. A length of this beautiful material would be a most welcome Christmas gift for either sex; and Messrs. Hamilton will forward patterns and style book free on application to the White House, Portrush, as well as an illustrated catalogue of their lovely Irish laces and linens, which would make welcome gifts, now that Irish laces are more of fashionable than ever.

Christmas and the possibilities of impromptu dances have prompted various families of young people to club together to present their parents with a piano-player; after which no parents could be so hard-bearted as to refine to the corpets. hearted as to refuse to "have the carpets up," when there was no necessity to provide an orchestra. One of the newest and best of the piano-players is the Chase and Baker instrument, "the one with the green rolls," as it was described the other day. The green colour of the rolls in question is an undoubted advantage to the eyes, especially at night. The Chase and Baker Piano-player claims superiority in two important points: simplicity of control and delicacy of touch. Added to this, the instrument, being fitted with triple bellows of great power, is worked with practically no labour. It is, indeed, well worth anyone's while who contemplates purchasing one of these most result instruments to purchasing one of these most useful instruments to pay a visit to 45 and 47, Wigmore Street, W., if only for the delight of hearing it played.

Not everyone is inclined to cultivate the "light fantastic toe" at Christmas or any other season; there are many to whom a comfortable armchair is the one thing desirable. Those who desire these for themselves or for others should certainly pay a visit to Messrs. Heal and Sons', Tottenham Court Road, where they will find an admirable collection of such aids to ease. I illustrate two of these to give some idea of their attrac-

tions, but they are only two out of many designs. The "Lounge Chair"

with a design copied from an old cover of the Elizabethan period; the chair is very deep and comfortable, and the cover is smooth without being capitonné, which many people prefer; but as others prefer the coverings "buttoned," the other chair illustrates this style. This "Divan" chair is one that distinctly invites to slumber, with its capacious depths and broad arms; the covering is in dyed linen, which is a most admirable material for the purpose, as it does not take the dust, and is smooth the chair is very deep and comfortable, and the cover is smooth

and is smooth and pleasant to the touch. Other admirable chairs are the "Florian," in cretonne, and the oak "Rackback" chair in tapestry. is a very desi-rable thing in making pre-sents to give something that will last and always be welcome, and an easy-chair ful-fils these conditions better than anything

MESSRS. BURBERRY'S "SPORTS-COAT,"



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THESINCEREST FLATTERY.

T is, perhaps, hardly to the neighbourhood of Queen's Gate that one would instinctively turn for examples of fine furniture displayed for sale. Yet the amateur who desires to look at a collection which is in some respects unique need go no farther than Queen's Gate Gardens, where, at Nos. 39 and 394, he will find two of those lofty, substantial and roomy houses which we owe to the earlier South Kensington tradition full of beautiful things of the control of the contr roomy houses which we owe to the earlier South Kensington tradition, full of beautiful things, of which he may, if he will, "have the mastery." Their owners, Messrs. Aldin Brothers and Davies, have done wisely to establish themselves in real houses rather than in a shop, and even more wisely to avoid that crowding which is the besetting sin of most manufacturers of, and dealers in, furniture. To crowd a vast variety of handsome pieces into a confined space is the act neither of an artist nor a good salesman, and Messrs. Aldin Brothers have been careful

not to commit so

unpardonable an error. There is more remarkable indication of the improvement public taste during the last few years than the avidity with which fairly well-to-do people purchase repro-ductions of the splendid work of the past, but the provision of reproductions of more ordinary furniture is a comparatively recent enterprise. It is an enterprise which has been taken in hand by Messrs. Aldin Brothers& Davies, we will not say with energy, since that is the least of the qualities required for such work, but with a taste and skill, a knowledge and an appreciation that cannot fail of success. Like all other furniture manufacturers, they are, no doubt, prepared to make anything that may be desired by their customers, but in these handsome rooms in Queen's Gate Gardens will be found little or nothing save re-productions of old work. They place no limit upon their range, but the XVIIIth Century

the courtly, elegant, witty, cynical, maligned century in which the art of furniture reached its apogee in France and England alike—is their favoured field. There is assuredly no more difficult task than the really artistic imitation of choice furniture of that wonderful period. The fineness and delicacy of the work, the subtlety of the craftsmanship, the originality and grace of many of the conceptions, are exceedingly difficult to reproduce—so difficult, indeed, that not only has the cost hitherto been serious, but

it has been taken for granted that Paris alone was equal to the task.

That this impression must be revised is now plain enough.

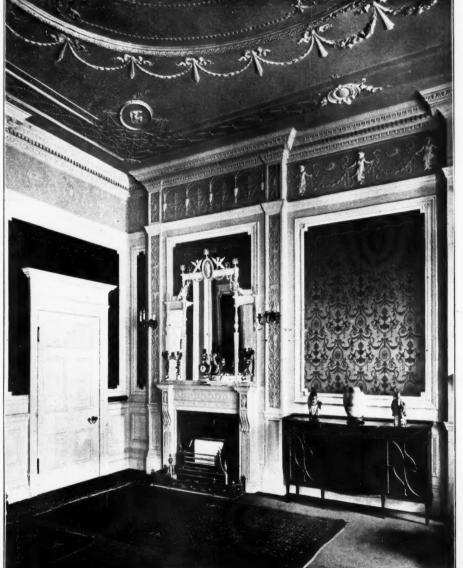
In one of Messrs. Aldin Brothers' rooms there is, for instance, a reproduction of a fine Louis Seize commode in the Victoria and Albert Museum, that is a most striking example of the nicety of which modern workmanship is capable. The tint of its choice woods has been most closely matched, and so has the delicate shade of its marble top; the dorwes, always the least imitable part of a fine French piece, have the spirit and grace of the originals; the actual execution stands the test of a close and instructed examination. Close by stands a commode, more flamboyant, and necessarily lacking the restrained severity of later lines, of Louis Quinze fashion. Here, again, the "mercury gilt" mounts are entirely admirable; the craftsmanship is precise and mathematical, without being servile. Within the elaborately adorned doors are the usual drawers, which bear all the illusion of age—a very clever bit of work. The rich hue of the rouge marble top, so characteristic of the type, is thoroughly satisfying—the eye of the artist, as well as the hand of the workman, has indeed had its part here.

workman, has indeed had its part here.

The more delicate work of the XVIIIth Century English cabinet-makers has irresistible attractions for most of us and Messrs. Aldin Brothers have not escaped the spell, for in these rooms are assembled many reproductions, sometimes exact, sometimes treated with a certain artistic freedom, of the more typical work

of Sheraton and Adams. Especially does the eye de-light to rest upon a Sheraton commode in satin-wood—therichest, sheeniest, most delicate of all de-corative timbers. No man ever made such consummate designs for this medium as Sheraton, and here we may pick out a free rendering of one of his satinwood commodes, which is worthy to stand beside the wonderful dressing-table attributed to him in the Victoria and Albert Museum.
The effect of the satinwood heightened by the bands of inlay and the honey suckle festoons in holly laurel and and Australian syca-more, and many another delicate wood. Close by this charming example stands a cylinder writing table. Here again the inlavis as lavish as it is delicate - mahogany, holly, box, and pear, with other less easily recog-nisable woods, being employed in restrained profu-

From all this to a satinwood bedroom is a natural transition, and here we find a peculiarly handsome and



AN ADAMS CORNER AT MESSRS. ALDIN BROTHERS & DAVIES.

elaborate wardrobe, set off with Wedgwood plaques—an eminently desirable revival of a charming mode. This wardrobe contains a very ingenious secret drawer, lined with velvet, of such capacious dimensions that it would easily contain the gewgaws of a Duchess. A corner of one of these spacious apartments is decorated and furnished entirely in the delicate Adams manner, down even to the fire-basket and the electric-light switches. Messrs. Aldin Brothers & Davies have shown that it is no longer necessary to pay fancy prices for replicas even of peculiarly fine and delicate work. Indeed, one may see in Queen's Gate Gardens strong, harmonious, and balanced work, copied from or based upon the most delightful models, at prices that are often lower than are asked for "upholsterers' darlings" of the most fearsome type. Such an enterprise as this has an artistic as well as a business side, and that it should as this has an attistic as well as a business suc, and that it should exist and flourish, side by side with a great building and decorating undertaking—for Messrs. Aldin Brothers will build a house as well as furnish it—is not the least significant indication of the advance in public taste which is so happily characteristic of our time. Old and young are generously and intelligently catered for at Messrs. Peter Robinson's in Oxford Street, where the choice ranges from delightful woolly bears and monkeys, with clockwork insides, to lace-encrusted silk stockings, furs, and fancy combs and jewellery for the feminine gender, and travelling-bags, kit-cases, wadded dressing-gowns, and walking-sticks for the acquisitive male. At his feet, too, might be laid the automatic solid silver cigarette-case or the sued tobacco-pouch

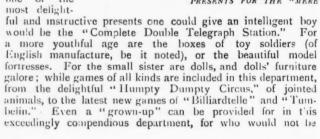
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cigarette-case, or the suède tobacco-pouch, cigarette-case, or the suede tobacco-pouch, with rubber lining and a silver shield to bear his distinguished initials, while a silver-plated tankard might also be dedicated to assuaging his masculine thirst.

The modern child is evidently a creature of an enquiring mind, who "likes to see the wheels go round," and Messrs. Shoolbred have certainly catered for him this year in their toy department.

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o n these lines. The beauty and accuracy of the model railway t trains, engine - sheds, mechanical cranes, locomotives, fireengines fire · escapes, submarines, motorboats, are quite extraordinary; and one of the



pleased to receive one of the lovely photograph "slips," in crushed morocco, or a silver-mounted watch-case, with a nickel watch inside, a silver-mounted engagement-book, or (for a man) a shaving-stand with a telescopic circular mirror flanked by candle-branches, and a lamp, hot-water jug, soap-tray, and brush-holder neatly arranged round the foot on the oak base?

Messrs. Shoolbred's Christmas Bazaar

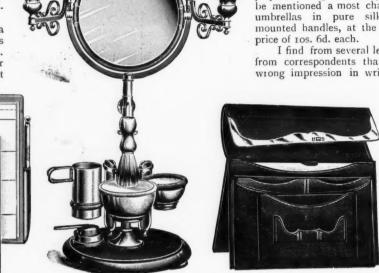
provides for all ages and sexes; the only difficulty is that of choice among the immense variety of articles therein displayed, among which, by the by, should be mentioned a most charming series of umbrellas in pure silk, with silvermounted handles, at the exceedingly low

I find from several letters of enquiry from correspondents that I conveyed a wrong impression in writing a fortnight

ago about M. Duboys' dewine licious from Château de la Taurie. My corespondents want to know if it is neces-sary to order four cases of a dozen bottles at a time, or if one case can be ordered alone. It certainly can, and will be delivered franco as far



which will keep it up to the mark, and nothing will do this more effectively and pleasantly than the Château de la Taurie white



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NOTES. SHOOTING

INDIAN SAND GROUSE.

HE large bags of sand-grouse made by the Prince of Wales in Central India will come as a surprise to many sportsmen who do not know how plentifully the different species of these pigeon-like, desert-dwelling game birds are found both in Africa and in Asia. They are as much the representative game birds of the vast arid tracts of the world as the ptarmigan are of the Alpine tracts, and the grouse of the heather-covered moors. Several species visit grouse of the heather-covered moors. Several species visit Central India in the cold season in vast flocks, while others are indigenous and breed there. Of the former, the Eastern pintailed sand-grouse is a cold-weather visitor to North-Western India. It does not breed there, but leaves about the end of March. It arrives in enormous flocks, which are said to outnumber those of any other species of sand-grouse, and is the commonest of all Indian game birds. The male and female differ so much in plumage that they have often been mistaken for separate species, the female being rather smaller than the male, and with shorter central tail feathers. On dry, sandy plains thousands may be seen together, but they also feed on ploughed land and stubbles. Their powers of flight are very great, and this enables them to live in absolutely waterless districts. Distance is to them a matter of little moment. Half-an-hour's flight will take them five andtwenty or thirty miles to the nearest water. They always fly to drink twice in the day; firstly, between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., and again in the afternoon between four and five. In this habit they again in the afternoon between four and five. In this habit they closely resemble the Namaqua partridge or sand-grouse of South Africa. Mr. H. A. Bryden has described how these birds are shot at the African water-holes. The method generally adopted to make a large bag in India is much the same. The favourite drinking-places of the sand-grouse are known, and by these the sportsmen take their stand, much as they would do at a flight pond when waiting for wild duck. If the guns are properly distributed when the flocks are shot at mean one peal them walks distributed when the flocks are shot at near one pool they make for another, and thus the shooting goes on fast and furious, as

the birds do not like to leave before they have satisfied their thirst somewhere. They may also be shot by walking them up. A very beautiful variety numerous in the Jhansi district is the painted sand-grouse, one of the most beautifully marked of Indian game birds. It is generally found on highish ground and steep hillsides covered with rocks and thicket. It lies close, and is an easy bird to shoot. It is the only game bird with distinctly nocturnal habits. Captain Baldwin states that he has often seen it on the wing after sunset, when all other species of game birds have gone to roost. The large or black-bellied sand-grouse also visits India in cold weather. Its habits are the same as those of the smaller variety. Several of these beautiful little grouse were shot by the Prince of Wales among the more numerous common species. numerous common species.

THE CHIKARA OR INDIAN GAZELLE.

The chikara, several of which have been mentioned as having been shot by the Prince, is the typical gazelle of India. The males have horns nearly straight and annulated, with a slight curve forward. Both sexes have horns; those of the male reach as much as 14in. in length, but the horns of the semale are seldom more than 6in. long, and curve inwards. Unlike the blackbuck or Indian antelope, these gazelles are fond of living in rocky, broken ground, especially by the banks of the great rivers. They approach quite near to great towns such as Agra. They are commonly called the ravine deer, though they are not deer, and their habits are more like those of a wild goat than of a plain-loving antelope. The average height of a good buck is 2ft. and the extreme length 4ft. Stalking chikara on the rough ground, which extreme length 4tt. Stalking chikara on the rough ground, which they love, is excellent sport, and owing to their small size they are not an easy mark, even when approached within range. In parts of India, such as the Northern Punjab, the chikara used often to be the object of a curious form of sport. It is so swift that greyhounds unaided can scarcely hope to catch it, but the Saker falcon was trained to act as an auxiliary. Flown at the gazelle's head, it so embarrassed the animal that the greyhounds

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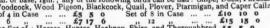
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had a fair chance of catching it. It is very commonly tamed, and is a favourite pet in India. Tame ones may sometimes be seen driven out to feed with the village herds of goats.

MARKED WOODCOCK.

In April of 1904 we published a list of woodcock marked with a leg ring, with N on it and the date, which had been marked at Alnwick Park and shot in various places. In 1904 forty-nine birds were so marked, and this year fifty-one, but, curiously enough, none of the above birds has been reported as shot anywhere. It is the more curious as in all previous years since 1891 (except 1895) some birds have always been shot, and the rings returned as proof. In the early years the proportion of killed to marked was high, but latterly it has been small. It is to be hoped that gentlemen shooting a woodcock will take the trouble to look at the legs, and if so marked, to send details to the head-keeper. It must be remembered that distance from Alnwick is nothing to the woodcock, as one was shot at Coombe Hill, Somerset, one in County Cork, one at Brechin, N.B., and one at Galloway House.

NATURE'S SURGERY.

A CORRESPONDENT writes to us as follows: "I send you enclosed a sanderling shot last Saturday on the Lincolnshire coast. It had previously had one of its legs broken, which apparently has been bound up in some way. Is it possible that the bird has done this itself? as I think I have read somewhere of a similar case connected with a snipe. Should be very glad of your, or some of your readers?, opinions on the subject if you think it worth while to publish."

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[From time to time birds have been discovered with broken limbs, which have apparently been bound up and set artificially, and it has been suggested that this has been done by the birds themselves. Brent geese have sometimes been shot with previous shot wounds stuffed with sea-grass, but the case of the sanderling sent for examination does not support this theory. If the bird had had sufficient intelligence to bind up the limb, it would probably have fixed it in a more or less natural position. But in this case the poor bird's leg was so distorted that it would always have remained useless. The binding material consisted of congealed blood and small downy feathers, and the probable explanation of this and the distortion of the limb is as follows: After the leg was broken the bird naturally stood on the sound limb, and drew the broken one up close to its body, the blood flowing from the wound soaked into the feathers of the breast, and quickly dried. When it attempted later on to move the lag it had become so firmly glued to the downy feathers that a considerable number were pulled out by the roots before the limb was free. Examination by a magnifying glass showed this beyond doubt. Probably the bird's struggles started the bleeding again, and, consequently, the feathers became still more firmly bound to the leg in such a fashion as to preclude its being set in a proper position.—ED.]

INDIRECT POACHING.

In this connection the following letter draws attention to a practice only too common. A correspondent writes: "I rent a shooting in Sussex with about 250 acres of wood. Fortunately, this year I put down no pheasants, but there was a fair stock of wild ones. Two years ago about 1,200 were reared. 'A kind of gentleman' owns a small property of some 150 acres adjacent, with a patch of some two acres of wood adjoining mine. This he baits with corn, dates, and raisins, and maintains an open leak, through which my pheasants dribble into his larder. I am told that on one day he bagged thirty, and another fifteen. He offers these for sale in the neighbourhood, and only a short time ago the landlord of the local hotel informed me that he had been pressing him to buy." We fear our correspondent has no remedy. Public opinion is clearly not a matter for which the parties in question have any regard.

MONGOLIAN PHEASANTS.

SIR,—Sportsmen will owe a considerable debt of acknowledgment to the Hon. Walter Rothschild, and now to Mr. Rowland Ward, for initiating and carrying out the extensive and reliable trials of the Mongolian pheasants recently described in your columns. It takes a long time to establish a new strain of wild blood. There has been for years a demand for the green-breasted Japanese pheasant (versicolor), which makes a fine and heavy cross-bred; but the source of supply is always very limited. The Mongolian looks very like becoming the pheasant of the future; but even here the source of supply is, as far as I can gather, still very restricted. It is to be hoped that game farmers will be encouraged to import pure-bred cocks and hens not by the half-dozen, but by the hundred, and that, meantime, every effort will be made to keep up the breed from those pure-bred birds reared in this country. It would be quite possible on small covert-shoots, where the woods are only too easily shot out, to pick up the few indigenous birds, whether colchicus or torquatus, remaining at the end of the season, and to stock the woods entirely with pure-bred Mongolians. It would also be possible to do the same with pure-bred Japanese. It is in favour of the Mongolian that it is not a maize eater—at least, as far as Mr. Rowland Ward's observation goes. I can state with confidence that in the crops of three cross-bred Mongolians recently examined there was no maize. A cock bird's crop contained no grain. Two hens had been feeding on corn and barley picked up on the stubbles. The Mongolian, though easily reared, is essentially a wild pheasant.—Progress.

SIR,—I do not think that the accounts published in other papers of the plumage of the Mongolian cock pheasant, or the coloured plates intended to represent that bird, are quite correct. The shoulders of the adult are represented and described as white. Those cock birds which I have seen have light shoulders, but they certainly are not white. Is it possible that the clear white is only assumed after two or three seasons?—ENQUIRER.

SIR,—Your notice about the above is interesting, and there is not the least doubt that the cross-bred Mongolian is hardy and prolific, and a first-rate flier. Some seven-eighths-bred cocks were put in the pens at Beaufront Castle, Northumberland, and mated with common hens in 1904, and the result cannot be too highly spoken of. In 1905 some more cocks were used, and with as good results. It is possible now to get the pure-bred cocks at a reasonable rate, though in 1903 the price was £25, and only one bird on offer. One thing I have noticed, and that is that the young birds like plenty of shade which they can get under when very hot. Wet weather they do not appear to mind. The cross-bred hen is, I think, about a week later in commencing to lay, but that is not a drawback. Another cross that is deserving of attention is the mating of a Prince of Wales's cock (Phasianus Principalis) with the common hen. Colonel Marsden, Sunderland, is the importer of these birds into this country. They are natives of Northern Afghanistan, and inhabit the wet swamps there. I have found the cross to be exceptionally hardy and easy to rear. In fact, this year a brood of this cross and a brood of cross Mongolians hatched the same day, and were put next each other in the pheasant-field, but at the end of five weeks they had beaten the Mongolians easily. They are exceptionally good fliers. The plumage (to quote Mr. Tegetmeier) is beautifully spangled with bright purplish black on a rich golden red ground, white shoulders (like Mongolian), and dark flight feathers, but no ring. If it is desired to pinion any, too much cannot be cut.—M. R. P.

A LADY'S STALK.

SIR,-The following experience of unique good luck in deer-stalking that happened to me this season may possibly be of interest. On September 2nd, staying at a certain forest in the West Highlands, I was sent out on the easiest beat. The day was still young when we suddenly came on a few stags lying in a small rocky balloch near the top of the ridge. I found a comfortable rest behind a large grey boulder, and waited on the best stag to rise. This he shortly did, and presented a nice, easy broadside target. He fell at once to the shot, and lay for a full minute and a half struggling to rise. The stalker, one of long and varied experience, was satisfied he was all right; I believed my own senses and his word. The rifle was quickly reloaded, and had either of us thought it necessary the beast could have been given one or two poishing-off bullets. Then the tragedy happened. The stag jumped to its feet, stood tail onwards for a moment, as all hit stags invariably do, trotted up to the ridge, and disappeared over the hills and far away. In a moment we were in hot pursuit, the dog was put on, but not one trace of that stag could be found by track or sight. was put on, but not one trace of that stag could be found by track or sight. For five mortal hours did we four—the stalker, gillie, dog, and myself—search that hillside, but uselessly. About five o'clock we turned homewards, a disheartened little party. My only consolation was the certainty of a sympathetic hearing from my good hosts. It could only be surmised that the bullet had hit him very high on the back, scruffing the top, as a stag thus hit always drops suddenly from shock. If he gets up and dashes off he is not supposed to be much the worse, as there is practically no loss of blood. This was small comfort to me, and I knew practically no loss of blood. This was small comfort to me, and I knew for many a day the lost stag would haunt me. Four weeks later I was again staying at the same forest, and bidden to try my luck on the hill. Again the same !beat, same stalker, and same gillie. To my many searching queries as to whether anything had ever been seen of the wounded stag the stalker sorrowfully shook his head. Neither he nor any of the other men had ever set eyes on him far or near. The stalker knew him well—twice he had been after him the year before; each time the beast had got away untouched by two respective rifles. Besides, he came to the winter feeding, he knew his head of nine points, and would recognise him anywhere. Various creepings and crawlings, spyings and watchings brought this day to near two o'clock. There were plenty of deer about, but the wind being wrong (north-east) made them difficult of approach. At last some stags, for which we had waited over an hour, moved on, and for some unknown reason began to go fast into the wind. We were well above them, and managed to keep them in sight as they We were well above them, and managed to keep them in sight as they rounded the shoulder of the beat. An occasional roar, as well as sight, helped us to cut them off, and eventually they reached the small, rocky balloch of tragic story. Here they evidently picked up other friends, for there were plenty moving about, though only small ones were visible. A big, deep roar close at hand, however, gave promise of something good. Donald and I crept in behind a large stone to await events. Five minutes passed, but no sign of the "basso profundo." The stalker whispered we would "craal" round to try and see him; at that moment I caught sight of a pair of horns coming up over a ridge of rock like the masts of a ship. I gave Donald a shove in order to get myself into better position. There was no need to tell me this stag would do; instinctively I knew it as he walked towards us. "Tak' him when he stands" was all Donald whispered. There was no standing. I held the rifle well forward; the next moment that gallant head lay motionless on the ground, shot through the neck at 6oyds. There was no doubt about this stag—he never moved; but remembering the mistaken certainty of a month before, Donald rushed over the neck at 60yds. There was no doubt about this stag—he never moved; but remembering the mistaken certainty of a month before, Donald rushed over to make quite sure by "sticking" him. Then the truth that had already dawned on the wisely-silent stalker burst on me. It was, as Donald excitedly pointed out, "Yer own stag; see here, the auld boollet mark on the top o' his back." To this hour I have only a confused recollection of what I then did. I fancy I shook Donald's coat neck or sleeve like a terrier, saying, "What! what! where?" in a voice quite unlike my own. When I did recover my senses, the evidence was conclusive, for, besides the head of nine points Donald I shook Donald's coat neck of sieve like a terrier, saying, what: what: where?" in a voice quite unlike my own. When I did recover my senses, the evidence was conclusive, for, besides the head of nine points Donald knew so well, there was a dry scab formed on the top of the back, the size of half-a-crown, covering a small hole. The beast was apparently none the worse, though perhaps a little gone back in condition (I may mention my rifle is a '303 Velox). Donald had recognised the stag as he came towards us, but, fearing to put me off, he wisely held his tongue, for which I was most grateful to him. I don't know which of us two was the more pleased, and his grateful to him. I don't know which of us two was the more pleased, and his handsome face smiled all over at my delight. We were within 50yds, of where I wounded the stag on September 2nd. I could almost find it in me to hang up my rifle from henceforth, knowing as I do that in the episode of the "Prodigal Stag" I have reached the zenith of my stalking lack .- H. M.

COUNTRY HOUSE DECORATION.

WNERS of country houses often possess choice pieces of old furniture or tapestry which not only are worth a suitable decorative setting, but which

require it. It is a common experience for the artistic values of such treasures to be wasted, or at the least lessened, by contact with clumsy and ill-considered schemes of furniture and decoration. Provincial decoraand decoration. Provincial decora-tors seldom have the intimate knowledge of period treatments which would enable them to frame these old pieces in sur-roundings both appropriate and adapted to modern necessities. Incorporated in this text will Incorporated in this text will be found a picture of a hall dealt with in a manner that successfully takes up the note of the antique and blends it with the spirit of twentieth century comfort. The decorative work has been carried out by the well-known firm of Waring and Gillow, whose skill and resource-fulness in all such cases are a matter of common knowledge both in England and on the Continent. The dominant point of interest in this hall is a fine antique Persian carpet, and alantique Persian carpet, and al-though it is not shown in this view, there is a magnificent panel of old tapestry. It would have been only too easy to surround these

only too easy to surround these curios with a treatment which, no matter how clever and interesting in itself, would have had the effect of "killing" them. Happily, Messrs. Waring and Gillow knew exactly what was wanted, and a glance at the first picture is enough to convince anyone that they have been wonderfully successful in retaining the antique "atmosphere," and at the same time in securing all that was required in the way of time in securing all that was required in the way of

modern convenience and comfort. Although the superb carpet is the most striking feature, everything else is en rapport with it. The other illustration shows the Drawing Room



HALL IN COUNTRY HOUSE, DECORATED BY WARING AND GILLOW.

in the same house. It would be difficult to excel it in quiet taste and distinction. It has the characteristic note of refinement which is the cardinal and unchallenged point in Warings' decorative schemes, and the beautifully designed ornament, while evidently serving its purpose qua ornament, is never permitted to lapse into obtrussiveness. Good taste and comfort are the obvious factors of this scheme, which is only one siveness. Good taste and comfort are the obvious factors of this scheme, which is only one of hundreds that Waring and Gillow are carrying out every year with an ever increasing brilliancy of repute. Anyone who requires new decoration or furniture for an old country house, and is anxious to preserve the charm of the antique style, should not fail to consult these artistic specialists. Their large experience enables them to gauge to a nicety the decorative possibilities of a given situation, and their vast organisation and manufacturing resources equip them for carrying out house furnishing most admirable in design as well as in execution with a moderation of price which cannot but compare favourably even with loudly proclaimed "cheap" houses. That moderation of price which cannot but compare favourably even with loudly proclaimed "cheap" houses. That which pleases most and lasts longest is always the cheapest in the long run, and this is the principle upon which Waring and Gillow expectation. Waring and Gillow execute their orders.



COUNTRY LOUSE DRAWING ROOM, DECORATED BY WARING AND GILLOW.

ON THE GREEN.

OW is the time," as al! the advertisements say, for the OW is the time," as al! the advertisements say, for the planting of any hazards that we may require to guard our newly-made greens and courses, and to supply the place of old hazards which have been worn away; but we badly want some kind and cunning man to tell us just what we ought to plant. We must not delay many weeks longer. It is the psychological moment. I have made the appeal before, but there is nowhere else that one can make it with the control to the property of the property of the plant. made the appeal before, but there is nowhere else that one can make it with as good hope of a useful response as in these columns, which are seen by so many who are gardeners. One of the crying needs of the day is some good kind of floral hazard for golf courses. Inland the need is most imperative, but if anyone could devise us something that would serve us at the seaside too, we should be grateful. Of course, the inexperienced, rushing in where angels would go delicately, will have no hesitation at all in telling us to plant course, the inexperienced, rushing in where angels would go delicately, will have no hesitation at all in telling us to plant furze, or, as the golfer calls it, whins. Whins are the recognised golfing hazard; or perhaps it would be more right to say that they were. That ore has to speak of them in the past tense is the reason that no one but the inexperienced would have a word to say in their favour as a floral thing to plant by way of a hazard on a golf course. They were the recognised golfing hazard, as a complement to the sand bunker, because they were the ubiquitous bazard at the side of the course at St. Andrews, Musselburgh, and the like classic spots. course at St. Andrews, Musselburgh, and the like classic spots. But they have gone, out of all existence worth speaking of, at both these places; and when I said just now that we should be

grateful for a floral hazard to take their place I was thinking of those ungarnished areas at the sides of the St. Andrews course, and reflecting what a bless-ing it would be if only some genius from Kew, or any other of our modern versions of the Garden of Eden, would invent for us some shrub that we could plant to take the place of those vanished whins, some shrub that would not wear away to nothing under stress of the strenuous life that it is asked to live under the golfer's hob-nailed boots and iron niblicks—for that is the weakness of the whins: that they wear away to nothing under attacks of this kind, even where they have been longestablished; and if that is the case with the long-established whins, of what use can it be to plant them

as a new thing, with any idea of their growing up and making a reasonable hazard? Of course, the answer is that it is no earthly use doing anything of the kind.

But another answer that the inexperienced are likely to give you is that you do not want, especially on a seaside links, any floral hazard at all; that it is better to have them all geological, that is to say, sand bunkers. And I believe that to be quite a good answer, so far as it applies to the hazards on the course itself, but it is no answer at all for the hazards off the course—the fringes, the side hazards. Supposing, for example, you were to try at St. Andrews to make sand bunkers to take the place at all adequately of the whins that have gone, why you would have to make the whole place bunker, you would have to create a Sahara, and it would be a Sahara that would be in a state of perpetual movement and spreading its borders as the wind blew the sand where it listed farther and farther afield. But even if this answer were any answer at all, which it is not, for the seaside courses, it is very evident that it will apply still less to the inland. The merit of the sand bunker is that it has a sandy floor, which the niblick can cleave into and so hoist the ball out; but when you cut a bunker—that is, etymologically, a hole, cf., bunk of a ship or a coal-bunker—you do not find a sandy floor to it on most inland soils. The soils inland on which you find such a floor are very much the exception, and the floor is apt to such a floor are very much the exception, and the floor is apt to be hard-baked clay, with some points of flints in it. Alternatively, when the clay is not hard baked it is like pudding, which is a change not much for the better. To be sure, it is possible to import sand, and so floor it, but what a business is that!

What we want is some kind of plant that we can put into the ground, and that will grow and will support the struggle for averages with the golfer's backings and tramplings, and be

existence with the golfer's hackings and tramplings, and possible, but not pleasant, to get the ball out of all the while.

is very likely that in wanting this we are wanting more than can be given us, like a great many other people besides golfers; but if it can be given to us, even at a price, we shall be truly grateful.
Would buckthorn do it on the seaside links? Would juniper on the inland? I do not know; but, as the Americans say, "I want to know." We all want to. Perhaps there is not a golf club in England that is not at this moment, which is the appropriate one of all the year, making alterations in details of its course, which would be greatly facilitated by an answer.

IT is likely to come rather as a shock to those members of the Royal Liverpool Golf Club who are not in the esoteric circles of its counsels to find on how insecure a tenure the club has all this while (or for the last twelve years) held the fine links on which so much famous golf has been played. Under the existing lease some portions of the links that are almost, indeed, quite, essential can be taken away at no longer than three months' notice. This applies especially to that seaward part which has only of comparatively recent years been taken into the playing course. It is, however, just the part which gives the bold incidents in which the old Hoylake green, good as it was, was, perhaps, a little lacking. Moreover, that old Hoylake course had certain holes that have now been taken away from it, the very site of which is now occupied by the houses on the left-hand side as one looks out from the club. So that one by the houses on the left-hand side as one looks out from the club. So that one fails to see how the course could continue to exist, with any claim to rank in the first class, if these holes were taken away, of which the tenure is of no more than three months' certain duration. Under these circumstances the action of the council in calling a meeting of the club for December 28th next, for the purpose of sanctioning some more satisfactory and enduring arrangement, is no more than timely. The landlord is Lord Stanley of Alderley, from whom an

intimation was received that the legal notice to quit might be given unless the conditions of the lease were amended. The land has risen in value, from the building point of view, and it was no more than reasonable that the landlord should expect better terms than those given by the old lease of date twelve years ago. The con-clusion of the matter is that to acquire a satisfactory tenancy will cost the club some £435 a year more than it now pays for its links, and this increased expenditure it is proposed to meet by increasing the subscription of resident and playing members from 3 guineas to 4 guineas, the subscription of non-resident members from 10s. to £1, and also increasing the visitors' fees, which have been very low hitherto. to. All this is of much interest to other golfers besides those who are members themselves of the Royal Liverpool Club. It is a club that has always taken the lead in English, and indeed, in some instances, in British golf, and it is on the Hoylake links that the



TAKING PLENTY SAND. OF

amateur championship falls to be decided on May 21st and following days of next year. The case, therefore, presses.

The owners of the Gidea Hall Estate, on which is situated the Romford golf course, have just issued a prettily-illustrated pamphlet showing the goir course, nave just issued a prettily-industrated pampnier snowing the proposed development of the estate for building purposes, and even entering into such details as to give plans of the houses—of the nature of what are called "vilia residences"—which it is proposed to erect. The pamphlet bears the legend: "This Brochure is particularly interesting to Golfers"—the last word underlined; and there are pictures of the Romford course, and highly eulogistic, but quite well-merited, descriptions of its qualities. I always think that Romford, as a golf course, has a certain advantage over some others near London in lying to the eastward of the City, and, therefore, probably, to the eastward also of the worst type of fog which is manufactured in that City, and which is almost always found with an easterly wind. It is a wind, therefore, which puts Romford to windward of the fog.

The date for the open championship has now been fixed—June 13th and following days. The arena is the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers' green at Muirfield, a very ancient club playing on a very modern green. Times are greatly changed since Musselburgh, the old course, now abandoned, of the Honourable Company, was a championship green. Although only a nine-hole course, it used to be found possible to settle there the championship by the play of a single day in October or November; that is to say, in the shortest daylight season of the year. At that time, it has of course to be remembered, only thirty-six holes were played for decision. Now we play seventy-two holes on eighteen-hole courses, and in the middle of the summer, when daylight is longest. Yet, even so, it is not always possible to get thirty-six holes finished by all the players within reasonable hours, and lately the championship has been occupying three days in its The first time that it was decided at Muirfield was in 1892, when Mr. Hilton won. In 1896, when next it was at Muirfield, Harry Vardon won, this being the first of his series of great triumphs, and only attained after tieing with Taylor. In 1901, the last occasion on which Muirfield was the scene of this big contest, Braid was the victor. Very lately the first hole at Muirfield has been altered, greatly for the better.

THE GUILD OF HANDICRAFT EXHIBITION AT THE DERING YARD GALLERY, 67a, NEW BOND ST., W.



NHOSE who have not yet completed their Christmas purchases should not fail to pay a visit to the Dering Yard Gallery and inspect the works of art which

the Guild of Handicraft is exhibiting. It is needless to insist on the excellence of design and workmanship, for the Guild has achieved a reputation second to none for the beauty and

quality of its work. The visitor must turn under a sombre

archway, and across a large courtyard, and he will find the staircase leading to the Gallery, which is hung with Mirrors, which is hung with Mirrors, Picture Frames, and Candle Sconces, facing him. On entering the Gallery he first notices a number of superb silver chalices and trophy cups. It is astonishing that wealthy donors persist in spending large sums on elaborate and illdesigned trophies when such perfection of form and surface are within their reach. The repoussé silver, which is, perhaps, one of the most distinctive features, is fully equalled by the enamels and jewellery. The accompanying illustrations give some idea of their originality and merit. The cloak clasp is in hammered silver and bronze, set with tourmalines, the leaves in the design being in green Limoges enamel, which has a beautiful effect. More haps, one of the most distinctive

beautiful still, as regards enamel work, is the inkstand in silver and Limoges enamel, the ground-work of the panels being a deep translucent ruby red with the design of roses most delicately drawn

in opaque white. A more beautiful object for a Christmas present it would be difficult to find, for the colouring and detail are absolutely successful. The jewellery designs are more original still, especially the long pendant in the left-hand lower corner of the page.

It is of pierced silver, studded with red Cabochon tourmalines, while to the top and bottom of the ball are irregularly cut green tourmalines. The long drops are in silver, ending in pearls, which also adorn the crest above the ball. Most original too is the pendant in the form of a miniature lantern, beaten gold framing, panels of plique à jour enamel, studded with pearls and oliven s, the pendant below the lattern being a fine pearl in gold claws.

The pendant in the right bottom corner of the page is a way question of of the page is a very quaint piece of work, the motive

being suggested by the oval - shaped pale grey agate, the colouring of which is continued in the Limoges enamel plaque

above, as the curving shore of a lake in the miniature landscape. Above this is another pendant in gold mounted with moonstone, and showing a most beautiful bit of Champlevé enamel, of a deer in rich blue on a ground of pale green. The necklet

and pendant in the centre show that the designs of the Guild are not necessarily of a hard and fast character. The work is in gold of various shades of colour, treated somewhat in the Oriental manner; and the whole effect of the enamel, gold and pearls, is particularly good. The other two objects in the illustration are a very fine example of Cloi-

sonné enamel in a pendant, and a brooch in beaten gold, centred by a rough pearl.
The furniture

exhibits keep up

the well-known standard of the Guild's work, and are in the main very simple

and solid. One is particu-larly struck with the plain but beautiful chairs and tables, an imposing fumed oak sideboard with carving and gilding, and a charming dove-grey bedroom suite; but perhaps the most interesting piece is a superb cabinet of Italian walnut and tooled leather, with interior fittings of grey sycamore. The workmanship of this piece is extremely fine, and recalls some of the classic cabinets, though perhaps the relation of the iron to the wood is not so skilfully handled as it would have been by a XVIth Century Italian.

Examples of the Black-smith's Art may be found in the Electric Light Coronas and Sconces, Iron Fire Dogs for large hearths, and Fenders for more modest fireplaces.

Connoisseurs of printing have long considered that the Guild of Handicraft is an able successor to William Morris in the craft of typography. If the inquisitive visitor opens the bookcase by the hearth, he will find specimens of the Guild's printing, beautifully bound in vellum and leather.

It is astonishing that where the work is so good e may still find inexpensive articles suitable for those wishing to give small presents in large numbers.

Repoussé and perforated door plates, tiny candle sconces, dainty little pieces of table silver, such as pepper and mustard pots, little butter companying

or jam dishes with their accompanying spoons, all invite purchase.

Among the many charming Exhibitions that the Guild of Handicraft has offered to the public, we do not recollect one which better showed the scope and enterprise of this successful society.

An important point in the organisation of the Guild is that much of the work, especially in joinery and ironwork, is carried out directly

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HUNTINGNOTES.

OMERSETSHIRE is one of those counties which are somewhat ou of the track of hunting fashion; but the sport of fox-hunting has flourished there side by side with the chase of the wild red deer for many a year. It may, however, interest the real lovers of sport, as apart from its riding or spectacular element, to know how things are done in countries where the conditions are different from those that prevail in those grass countries which not without justice claim so large a part of our attention.

West Somerset is a horse-breeding district, and many excellent light horses are raised there. The old West Country yeoman takes a pride in a good horse, and loves and understands him as well as does a Yorkshireman. There are old families of gentlefolks still seated on the land, but not less ancient nor less proud of their lineage are the old West Country yeomen—the Snows, the Withycombes, the Ridlers, and the Rawles. The last but one of them are a family of horsemen and horsewomen, and claim still to

a strain of the old pack-horse blood.

There have been notable characters in the Hunt, Luttrell's huntsman, H. Sebright, was for many years noted for the way in which he crossed this difficult country. Latterly he was, perhaps, a trifle slack; and it is said that when the hounds were drawing a certain big wood on the Quantock Hills the old man would dismount and, choosing a warm corner, smoke a peaceful pipe. But it must never be forgotten that he showed great sport, and left behind him an excel-lent pack of hounds, for he, like his Master, Colonel Luttrell, was a fine judge of a

Monday Raleigh's Cross was an excellent, typical I found myself trotting along a road which grew ever more picturesque as the milestones were passed, until at last the fixture was reached, a wildlooking spot. There are the Raleigh's Cross Hotel - who stays there?—a bit of grassy commerces roads, and a grassy common, four is a good-looking one, chiefly bitches, with a few small dog hounds. There were a fair number of people, a few in pink, some ladies, a good many farmers, most of whom went well when bounds ran. The horses were of a useful stamp,

of a useful stamp,
many showing a great deal of blood, and horses must have quality, or they cannot
climb these hills. Imagine the most precipitous parts of the Cottesmore, the
strongest woodlands of the Belvoir, and the most rugged parts of Charnwood
combined, and this will give an idea of this part of West Somerset. The
country round Robin-a-Tiptoe or Loddington, the valley on one side of which
is Wardley and the other Allexton, may also help us to form some idea, only
that the hills here are steeper, the coverts thicker and more extensive.
Indeed, we drew more covert during our day's hunting than would suffice for the whole season of some Midland packs. Trip Brake, which is situated on the slopes of a wide valley, was the first draw. It is a famous place, reputed to hold foxes many, stout, and hard to kill. There was not long to wait, considering the extent of covert hounds had to work through. Tame, the huntsman, is a cheery one; he generally manages to keep some of his hounds in front of him in covert, and his voice holds them together and encourages them to hunt. And, indeed, they have to try to rouse a fox at all. It was a pretty find, and hounds drove well at their fox, with a lovely chorus, redoubled by the echoes from the hills. In a surprisingly short time they

worked him out into the water meadows and through another covert, and Mr. Hancock, than whom no one's holloa is more to be trusted, viewed him away. Hounds were at fault at the moment. A woodland fox of any experience can always leave his foes in a wood. There was a short delay, and in that moment a storm of hail and sleet swept down on the hillside and washed away the scent. But the best of the day was before us, and we went off to draw another valley, so like the first that I thought we had gone back to it.

Once more there was a find, and we had a narrow escape of losing hounds altogether; but the keen eye of a hard-riding young farmer saw the pack, and pointed them out to the Master, as they raced over some rough fields outside the covert. Down into the valley and up the other side was a climb that would have brought some horses to a standstill; but no horse would stay long in West Somerset that could not tackle a stiff hill. On the top we find ourselves on some biggish fields. There is not much jumping—two sheep On the top we find

hurdles and a few awkward - looking banks; but the un-clipped horse in front pops over, and others follow. A bank requires to be left to the honour of the horse; the less you interfere the safer you are. The Master keeps his eye on the field, in the interest of his friends the of his friends the farmers; gates are shut by his care, and, coming to a field of roots, we gallop in single file along the headland. When hounds checked, after nearly an hour, during which they had worked out an intricate line, I was rather surprised to find that we had made a circuit. It was all the more creditable to the pack that they had hunted most of it themselves, for in the roughest part no one could have got near enough to handle enough to handle them. Then our fox got to ground. was a third fox, but scent was not good, and directly he turned wind hounds could make nothing of him. What more could one wish for than this — a keen and courteous Master, a clever huntsman, two whippers-in always in their places, and always awake to the danger of iosing time in a country like this? Well, if all the coverts were like Trip and its neighbours, if there was no rabbit-trapping, if all keepers played fair, what could be better for those who love fox-hunting and hound

Of one thing

work?



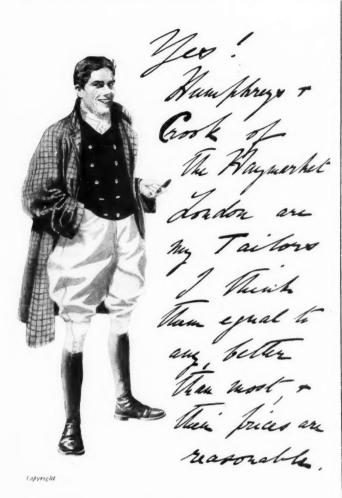
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work? Of one thing my visit to the West has convinced me—that rabbit-trapping and fox-hunting cannot both exist. Whether farmers will long prefer the scanty profits of the rabbit to good prices for hay and oats one does not know; but, of course, in the West the latter is the larger industry, and hunting men, who are now good customers and keep prices up, will, when motors have ousted horses except in the hunting-field, be the stand-by of the market for forage.

Now we must turn back to the grass countries, and sketch from the notes before us some of the excellent sport of the last few days. Last week was a poor one, but this has been good so far. A friend in the shires writes that he enjoyed a good run over Belvoir country, but not with the Belvoir pack. The first part was fast, and the whole probably one of the best days we have enjoyed this season. The fixture was at Stapleford. The hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. J. Gretton, the certainty of wild foxes, and the excellence of the surrounding country, no matter in what direction the hunt might go, drew a big crowd. The Cottesmore was the pack, and the fox one of four roused in the spinneys. Most of those who

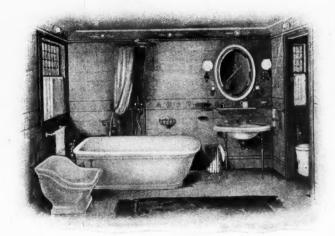


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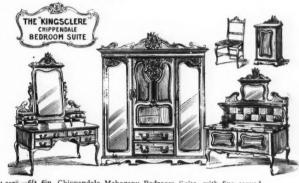
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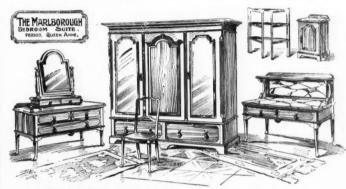
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meant seeing the fun could have done so, had it not been for an unlucky stoppage at the level crossing near Brentingby. But let the eye-witness tell his own story. "It was a stout fox, but he did not run a very straight course at first. Perhaps he could not, for there were many obstacles in his way. I prefer to think that his point was always the Belvoir coverts. At all way. I prefer to think that his point was always the Belvoir coverts. At all events, he never faltered after he passed the railway. I managed to cross the railway fairly well—many were left there—and a lucky sweep towards me helped me soon afterwards. An awkward fence, too, I happened to strike at a practicable point. There were hedge and rail and ditch, and the latter fairly wide, but the place was not so big as I thought. It may be funk or it may be prudence, but I like pace in a big country, and this saved me, for, though there was a suspicious crack, wat we menced to lead with a fock or though there was a suspicious crack, yet we managed to land with a foot or two to spare. Seeing Freeby Wood ahead, I put on the pace, thinking I should be sure to get a pull there; but hounds did not delay. Being forward, a friendly stile gave me a chance, as the old horse rather like timber, and I was away, if not first, yet in touch with the hounds. Hounds seemed to run very hard hereabouts, and perhaps I had asked too much of the horse, for he jumped short at the next fence but one, and, putting his fore legs into the ditch, rolled over. I shot well clear of him, for, as my groom remarked when I told him of my escape: 'Yes, sir; but you don't sit as close as some.' Whether this was a compliment or criticism I can hardly tell. However, both horse and man picked themselves up unhurt; but the fall and the However, both horse and man picked themselves up unhurt; but the fall and the pace had knocked the wind out of us both, and I was glad enough to find, when I rejoined them, that hounds were hunting steadily. It was pretty hound work from this point, and one had time to look for gates; indeed, the crowd was not now embarrassing. With an obviously tired fox and a failing scent, the end was not far off, and after one successful cast, hounds had to be called off and trotted back to their own country. I heard afterwards they had a

capital run in the afternoon, and eventually dropped on outlier. Him they never gave a chance to, but scurrying to stick-heap, pulled him out and ate B. came by train him. rather late from Grantham, where he had be-hunt with the Blankney. This Hunt have always been on the best of terms with the Belvoir, and were invited to have a day in Sir George Whichcote's coverts at Aswarby. Sir George, as his uncle did before him, has enough foxes cound Aswarby Hall to amuse half - a . dozen packs. However, possibly security and good living have corrupted them, for the first was fairly run off his legs, and was killed ingloriously in a few minutes. After that B.'s account became rather obscure. But by the description of the big ditches, in one of which he spent some time,

by the description of the big ditches, in one of which he spent some time, I gather that the day's sport led them near the fens and back to Folkingham, where they preserve stout foxes and build strong fences. On Monday came the storm, and rather spoiled the day with the Quorn; but a good fox from the Curate, albeit rather a ringing one, ran northwards over the rather rough country that borders on the South Notts."

The Editor has sent me a picture of the hounds arriving at Tilton Wood. This carries me back to the first time I ever hunted with the Cottesmore hounds, and saw Tilton Wood drawn. We ran straight over to the Coplow, which is not far, but a line calculated to impress the newcomer with a respect for Leicestershire. The occasion is further impressed on my mind by the fact that my horse, as unaccustomed to the country as myself, ran away for fact that my horse, as unaccustomed to the country as myself, ran away for two fields, after which he understood the inwardness of ridge and furrow and big fields, and steadied down.

By the same post came a reproduction of Mr. G. D. Giles's picture of Ranksborough Gorse, which is all the more appropriate from the fact that the Cottesmore on Tuesday found the most famous covert in the shires as productive of sport as ever. It was reminiscent of old pleasures to be entertained beforehand at Cold Overton, where Lord and Lady Manners for so many years welcomed the Cottesmore field. Lady Gerard was now the hostess, and no one keener or fonder of the sport has ever visited Leicestershire. Ranksborough was the first draw. The first fox, which left at the top end, was soon lost, but he had given a rehearsal which was useful enough when the second fox broke also from Ranksborough. He took the same line, and we knew all about the fences, which are clean thorn fences, ditches which are not blind, with a convenient rail here and there. This fox got to ground, but went on

on being evicted. The pace over the wide pastures to Whissendine village was fast enough for anyone. Then came "A fig for the Whissendine!" it is recorded that vainglorious peer exclaimed. But so much depends on where you meet it, or whether is really the Whissendine or the more formidable Eye, which is generally called the Whissendine if you have jumpedit. There are places where you can jump the true Whissen dine quite easily. I have been in and out-the bottom is fairly good, as a rulebut I once was in and not out for a quarter of an hour.



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THE FLOWER BOOK OF BURNE-JONES.

American novelist, all original works of art became the property of the State, and were only permitted to be hung in public galleries. A paternal Government, however, had all the originals beautifully reproduced in colours, and from these reproductions each member of the community was privileged to make a selection for the decoration of his home. Inasmuch as a good reproduction of a masterpiece is always preferable to a poor original, such an arrangement is not wholly without merit, and one imagines there would be fewer objections raised were all pictures, like the designs in Burne-Jones's Flower Book, pictorial embodiments of poetical thoughts, and all reproductions so scrupulously faithful as those exhibited in the galleries of the Fine Art Society.

Until lately the existence of this Flower Book was known to few, for these "inventions and scribbles," as the painter called them, were not done with a view to publication, but were the outcome of leisure moments at his home in Rottingdean. While resting here from his more arduous labours, the artist found free scope for his poetic imagination and a congenial outlet for his tireless industry in painting this exquisite little series of water colours, which was begun in 1882, as Lady Burne-Jones tells us in her "Memorials of Edward Burne-Jones," and continued at irregular intervals until the year of his death

his death.

"This year]1882]," she writes,
"Edward began the most soothing
piece of work that ever he did. He
describes it in his list as 'a series of
illustrations to the names of flowers,'
and that is the point of it—the names:
not a single flower itself appears. The
pictures are circular water colours six
inches in diameter, and the first one
is 'Love in a Mist,' representing Love
as a youth caught by a swirling cloud
with which he struggles helplessly."
In this moving little allegory one perceives that it was the painter's intention
from the outset to make the series some-

spiritual significance than their more obvious meaning. Indirectly the artist confesses as much, for in a letter on this subject to a friend he writes: "Pray send me as many names as ever you can, for alack it is not one in ten that I can use. Of course I could make pictures to all, but I want the name and the picture to be one soul together, and indissoluble, as if they creid not exist apart."

How well the painter succeeded in his self-appointed task may be seen by

thing more than "illustrations to the names of flowers," that his imagination working "inward evermore to outward" endowed these designs with a deeper

the works reproduced in these pages. No verbal comment is needed, for each picture explains itself. Especially happy is the design for "Wall Tryst," which surely, like the flower, is an emblem true "Of love's enduring lustre given

To cheer a lonely heart."

But Burne-Jones rarely follows the traditional language of flowers in his designs, and very seldom does he avail himself of the fables connected with their names. Of Venus' Looking-glass there is a pretty legend which tells how the goddess let one of her mirrors fall upon the earth. "A shepherd



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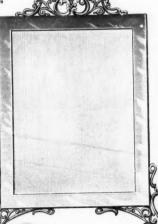
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his mistress, and cared for nothing but to admire himself in the glass. Cupid, fearing the consequences of so great an error, broke the glass and transformed the pieces into this pretty campanula, which has ever since borne the name of Venus' Looking-glass." This fable is a little too complicated to be embodied in a single picture, and not sufficiently well known for the whole story to be grasped by the illustration of one incident. Burne-Jones, therefore, desiring, as did his friend G. F. Watts, to make his allegories universally intelligible, has ignored the legend and invented a picture which delivers its own message, and identifies itself with the flower without making any greater demand on the spectator than that of

Sympathetic perception.

Only where the connection is obvious does the painter have recourse obvious does the painter have recourse to ancient legend. Thus the very words "Golden Shower" inevitably recall the story of Danæ; while "Helen's Tears" can, of course, only refer to the wife of Menelaus weeping for the fall of Troy, which blazes behind her. Wherever possible, the painter takes the opportunity of "allegorising on his own hook," as Rossetti announced his intention of doing when he undertook to illustrate Tennyson's "Palace of Beauty." And a Christian is always preferred to a Hellenic interpretation. Writing to a friend about "Ladder of Heaven," represented by "a figure with diaphanous wings speeding up the arch of a rainbow that spans ing up the arch of a rainbow that spans the earth below," Burne-Jones says, half playfully, half seriously: "I shouldn't like to be cross-questioned

about the person going up the rainbow.

Pagans, like Mallock, may call it Iris,
but Christians like you and me will have it to be a soul,
and it shall go up to the top of the rainbow and never
go down the other side." But of all
this series, perhaps no picture more intimately reveals the mystical yearning of the painter than the simple design for "Golden Greeting," in which a in which a radiant angel leans out from Heaven radiant angel leans out from Heaven over a kneeling figure on earth, and welcomes the weary soul to eternal rest. "I wish Golden Greeting were quive true," writes the painter; "just as I did it I wish it might really be. Nothing else will ever be what I want but that." His heart's desire was granted to the painter not long after he had finished the last picture of this series, "Day and Night," that beautiful design in which "Night in the form of a woman bends over the sleeping figure of Day. bends over the sleeping figure of Day, and whispering in his ear, calls him to arise and shine." It was not surely the daily round of light and darkness of which alone the poet-painter was thinking when he executed this strangely-beautiful composition, but as the first of these allegories, "Love in a Mist," may also be taken to symbolise the soul struggling with the illusions of its earthly life, so may the last be read to express the soul's awakening to everlasting day. So completely does this allegory complete the cycle of these poems in colour that one is tempted to believe that Burne-Jones, in shaping his vision, had some premonition that he was shortly to be called to that world where, as his nephew hymns:

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THE WILD AND . \cdot OTHER POTATOES.

E ventured in a recent note on the wild and other potatoes at the great exhibition of the National Potato Society to ask, "Has science any explanation to give of the fact that a tuber, set in a dark cellar, and not covered with earth, will go on producing fresh tubers of a total greater weight than its own? Where does the plant food come from?" Mr. W. A. Douglas Rudge, Woodbridge School, Suffolk, writes as follows: "By far the greater part of plants, trees, etc., is made up of matter derived from the air. All the essentially woody parts—stem, leaves, roots, and tubers—are composed mainly of cellulose, a body known to chemists as a carbohydrate, and which contains carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen. The plant has the power when growing of taking in carbonic acid from the air, and with the aid of water during the vital process to build up from these two not only cellulose, but starch, sugar, and other bodies of a similar nature. Starch is probably formed first, and the other things are elaborated from it. The main functions of the root are to fix the plant firmly in one position, and also to enable it to obtain the mineral constituents, viz., silica, iron, potash, lime, phosphorus, etc., without which the plant cannot live, and to supply the plant with water; but some of the last-named comes from the air. The total mineral matter present is very small, say, I to 2 per cent. The

say, I to 2 per cent. The growth of the tubers is thus not so remarkable, as all the food required may be got from the air. The small amount of mineral matter required would be furnished by the soil still clinging to the original tuber, and by dust. If the tuber was enclosed in an airtight bottle then growth would quickly cease." This retarding process, it may be interesting to mention, is not confined to the potato alone, but is practised upon the lilac, lily of the valley, and many shrubs which we are accustomed to see in the most ordinary garden. There is a great future for this very interesting process, and each year its practice becomes more general. The horticultural world has been greatly stirred during the past two or three years over the "potato" boom, which has not been altogether creditable to those engaged in forcing up prices and extolling the vir-tues of certain sorts. We have tues of certain sorts. We have watched this trafficking since the beginning, and have tried many of the varieties which were advertised at fancy prices as disease-proof and of extra-ordinary fertility.

The outcome of it has been keen disappointment, the Northern Star and other much-discussed varieties giving more than the usual percentage of diseased tubers. There is one potato in which we place strong faith, and that is the Up-to-Date, and for several seasons we have grown this potato, in the certain belief that the crop and flavour will be satisfactory.

This question of potato culture and hybridisation is constantly recurring. Twenty years ago a potato show of vast extent was held at the Crystal Palace yearly, and the great object then, as it is at the present day, was to fight the terrible disease from which no variety yet raised has been entirely free. And in this great work—for such it is—Messrs. Sutton and Sons of Reading have been pioneers,

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CROMWELL HOUSE, . HIGHGATE.

T is distressing news that one of the most interesting of the old houses in the suburbs of London is now in the market. Cromwell House, which has much of history and much of architectural merit to distinguish it, standing now on Highgate Hill, is in danger of destruction. Here, on the breezy heights, General Ireton and Bridget his wife, eldest daughter of Oliver Cromwell, established their home, and it has been averred that the Protector himself at one time dwelt within its walls, concerning which, however, Prickett, the painstaking historian of Highgate, makes a judicious reservation. But, even if Henry Ireton and Bridget Cromwell had never lived in the house, it is one of the most interesting domestic edifices in the neighbourhood of London, and all who love our old domestic architecture must hope that some enlightened person, or the local authorities, if not the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, will step in to avert the impending demolition.



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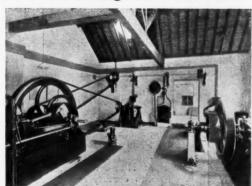
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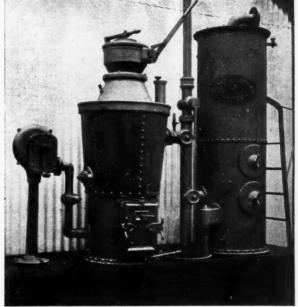
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It has been stated that Cromwell built the house about the year 1630; others say he bought it in order to present it to General Ireton, who became his son-in-law in 1646, marrying Bridget, the Protector's daughter, near Oxford. Ireton died in Ireland in November, 1651, shortly after which his widow married Fleetwood, so that the famous Parliamentary general's residence at Highgate, as the husband of Bridget Cromwell, could only have been within those few short years. Highgate was then an elevated country region, bright and breezy, and gaining repute as a health resort, with woods, fields, and rural delights, and the hill commanded a fair prospect of London and the Surrey hills beyond. It is not surprising, therefore, that many famous personages chose it for their residence, among them being Nell Gwynne, the Earl of Lauderdale, and Andrew Marvell.

dale, and Andrew Marvell.

Cromwell House, even if it had no associations with the Protector or Ireton, is a very notable place. Externally it has a pleasant, old-world character, and internally it is exceedingly interesting, having been adorned in accordance with the taste of its military occupant. In 1865, when it was used as a boarding-school, it was somewhat damaged by fire; but little, if anything, of historical importance was destroyed, and the place was thoroughly restored and repaired, and, in 1869, was taken and adapted for use as a convalescent establishment in connection with the Hospital for Sick Children in Great Ormond Street, and for a great many years was so occupied. The house is of good red brick, solid, compact, and quite characteristic of the comfortable old dwellings of Highgate, with a good doorway and an archway leading through to the extensive range of buildings at the rear, where the old gardens and pleasure grounds lay.

grounds lay.

Internally the most interesting feature is the grand old carved staircase, which cannot fail to impress all beholders. It possesses both distinction and unusual character, and its carved balustrade and handsome newel-posts are of considerable merit. There are the weapons of war bespeaking the soldier, and upon the newel-posts stand carved figures, each about 1ft. high, representing the various ranks in the Parliamentary Army, from the fifer, drummer, and musketeer, to the captain or higher. It is stated that there were originally twelve of these singular figures, and that two, which are missing, represented Cromwell and Ireton. This may be doubted, but evidently the staircase is one of quite unusual interest. The customary adornments for newel-posts were grotesque animals, flower-vases, or balls; but the builder of Cromwell House struck out an original line, for in few places are military figures to be found, though in some old houses in the neighbourhood of London military exercises were figured in the

The whole house, however, deserves the attention of the antiquary and historian. The rooms are well proportioned, and much good woodwork remains in panelling and pedimented doorways, with rich ceilings of ornamental plaster-work, all testifying to the old importance of the place. Some of the ceilings are very fine, and adorned with deeply-moulded panels, strapwork ornaments, floral patterns, shields of arms, and devices. The style is bold and massive, and there is abundant evidence that Cromwell House was a very fine example of seventeenth century architecture and domestic adornment.

We can imagine the delight with which the original owners and those who followed them in the eighteenth century would ascend to the balustraded platform constructed on the roof for the pleasure of the far-extended view. The situation is high, and, as a lady who dwelt in Andrew Marvell's house, which stands opposite to Cromwell House, said to an author half a century ago, a party of Roundheads, in their sober coats, high hats, and heavy boots, would march up Highgate Hill with a different air from the young men of modern days.

THE FIRST TEST OF A TRULY GREAT MAN IS HIS HUMILITY .- RUSKIN.

'Modest Humility is Beauty's Crown.'

HUMANITY OF THIS LIFE

Never to blend our pleasure or our pride with sorrow of the meanest thing that feels.—Wordsworth.

To Live in the Hearts we Leave Behind is not to Die.

His life was gentle, and the elements so mix'd in him, that Nature might stand up and say to all the world, "This was a man."—Shakespeare.

"'I have not willingly planted a thorn in any man's bosom,' he was able to say. He loved Manliness, Truth and Justice. He despised all Trickery and Selfish Greed. . . . 'Let us have faith that right makes right. . . . Come what will, I will keep my faith with friend or foe.' Benevolence and Forgiveness were the basis of his character. His nature was deeply religious, but belonged to no denomination. . . Architect of his own fortunes, mastering every emergency, fulfilling every duty. As Statesman, Ruler, and Liberator, Civilisation will hold his name in perpetual honour."—Col. J. G. Nicolay, Encyclopadia Britannica.

The following extracts are from the sublime poem, his love of which has made it immortal.

He said it was one of the finest productions of the English language.

Oh! Why Should the Spirit of Mortal be Proud?

Oh! why should the spirit of mortal be proud?

Like a swift-fleeting meteor, a fast-flying cloud,

A flash of the lightning, a break of the wave,

Man passes from life to his rest in the grave.

The hand of the king that sceptre hath borne,

The brow of the priest that mitre hath worn,

The eye of the sage, and the heart of the brave.

Are hidden and lost in the depths of the grave.

The peasant whose lot was to sow and to reap,

The herdsman who climb'd with his goats to the steep,

The beggar who wander'd in search of his bread.

Have faded away like the grass that we tread.



The saint who enjoy'd the communion of Heaven.

The sinner who dared to remain unforgiven,

The wise and the foolish, the guilty and just,

Have quietly mingled their bones in the dust.

They died-ay! they died; and we things that are now,

Who walk on the turf that lies over their brow,

Who make in their dwellings a transient abode,

Meet the changes they met on their pilgrimage road.

'Tis the wink of an eye, 'tis the draught of a breath,

From the blossom of health to the paleness of death,

From the gilded saloon to the bier and shroud,

Oh! why should the spirit of mortal be proud?

Here hath been dawning Another blue day; Think, wilt thou let it slip useless away?-T. CARLYLE.

As Time rolls his ceaseless course, Christmas after Christmas comes round, and we find our joys and sorrows left behind, so we build up the beings that we are.

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Prickett, in his "History of Highgate," says there was a tradition, such as gather about many old houses, that a subterranean passage used to exist from this house to the mansion house, which stood where the church was built, but he could find no authority for the statement. Many legends must always gather about a house of such antiquity. It will be a grievous

thing if it be suffered to perish or fall into decay. There is ground about it, and it might again serve as a residence, or an institution might be housed within its walls. Its quaint old frontage, its pillars and railings, its carved wood and moulded ceilings make it a joy to the antiquary, and it should certainly be preserved.

DECEMBER SKATING IN SWITZERLAND.

nounced in the Morning Post a few days since that skating had commenced on the lake of St. Moritz, and that tobogganing and ski-ing were in full swing. All will agree that the perfection of skating is only obtainable on the smooth, black, elastic, frozen surface of a lake. Such skating cannot be counted on with certainty even in Switzerland; but the best chance for those who desire to have it during the month of December is a visit to the

Engadine, whose magnificent chain of lakes becomes ready for

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skating, one after another, during that month.

It is impossible to convey by word or picture more than the faintest idea of the fairylike beauty of these lakes when ice-bound. The deep blue sky, the snow-covered mountains, the brown crags and tall pines, reflected as perfectly as in a mirror, form a scene of infinite loveliness, while the skater, as he glides over acre after acre of virgin ice, can gaze through it far down



A SKATING PARTY.

surface, feel absolutely secure, knowing that when these Engadine lakes are once properly frozen they will remain covered with an ever increasing thickness till the spring. The most beautiful of all the lakes is that of Sils, thanks to its rocky headlands and the long, picturesque promontory which runs into it at its western end. In the sheltered little coves of this promontory parties of skaters usually take up their abode

for lunch, the more lazy amongst them basking in the sun for hours at a time, in a temperature it is difficult to associate with winter.

Now that St. Moritz can be reached by rail from England, it is quite worth the while of keen skaters, or, indeed, of any who appreciate as lovely a sight as can anywhere be found, to ascertain by telegraph if the Engadine lakes are frozen and absolutely free from show, and in that case to go out even for a



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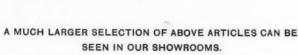
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winter, but hardly any of these are likely to be frozen in December, as they are nearly all situated at a much lower altitude than the Engadine Valley, which is 6,000ft. above

CHANGES AT KINGSCLERE.

S long as the rhythmical beat of the hoofs of a thorough-bred horse is heard on English turf, so long will the memory of John Porter, who last week definitely resigned the mastership of Kingsclere, endure in the land. Born in 1838, no sooner were his schooldays over than the lad, as he then was, made his own arrangements for commencing what has proved to be a long and honourable career. His first step in that direction was to enter into a verbal agreement with Saunders, who was then training for Palmer,

lasted for about a year, when, on a vacancy occurring in the stables presided over by J. B. Day, young Porter was selected to fill it, and became legally apprenticed to the Michel Grove stables, Michel Grove stables, where Mr. Padwick's horses were trained. Amongst other horses in the stable were Rataplan and the famous mare Virago, the latter of whom Porter believes to have been the best mare that ever trod the turf. She was placed especially under was placed especially under his care, and when he journeyed with her to York, where she was due to run in the Great Northern and Flying Dutchman Handicaps, troubles and anxiety came thick and fast upon him. To begin with, the ventilator of the horse-box



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blew off, and to keep off the chilly draught, he stuffed a cushion blew off, and to keep off the chilly draught, he stuffed a cushion into the aperture, and kept it there without moving until the end of the journey. On arrival at York such persistent rumours that she was to be "got at" were in circulation, that Day and Goater sat up all night, and Porter himself slept in the mare's box, with his wrist attached to the strap of her muzzle. However, the night passed in peace, and all ended well. Not long afterwards Day relinquished training, and Porter accompanied Mr. Padwick's horses to Findon, where they were placed under the charge of William Goater, with whom he remained for ten eventful years.

same afternoon, Porter had gone to Epsom to ride her in the latter event; but as she had to put up a penalty of 5lb. for winning the City and Suburban, Wells was put up instead, not a little to Porter's disappointment.

While at Findon
the late Lord Westmorland saw a good deal of
Porter, and it was entirely
owing to his advice that
he remained with Goater, instead of applying for the position of trainer to Mr. Savile. Then came the journey to Paris in charge of The Ranger, who won the first French Grand Prix, beating La Toucques, Saccharometer, Donny-brook, and Lord Clifden. also while at

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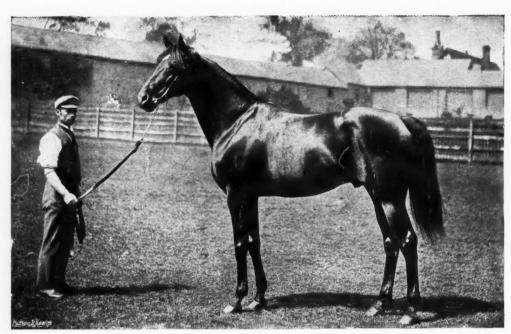
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Findon that Porter developed that fondness for flowers and gardening which has remained with him ever since, and which was so much in evidence at Kingsclere. In 1863 came to Porter that "tide in the affairs of men, which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune." George Manning, who had been for some time in indifferent been for some time in indifferent health, died, and the post of trainer to Sir Joseph Hawley became vacant. Porter was only twenty-five, and even younger in appearance; so much so, that when he presented himself as the bearer of a letter of recommendation from Lord Wes:morland, Sir Joseph, after Wes: moriand, Sir Joseph, after a dehberate scrutiny of the applicant, remarked: "Surely you are not the John Porter mentioned in this letter? You are only a boy!" However, after a little conversation, the matter was practically settled, and it was not long before Porter, young as he was, definitely undertook his respon-

sibilities as trainer to Sir
Joseph Hawley, and by so doing entered upon what will
go down in Turf history as the reign of John Porter
at Kingsclere. From the very commencement of his taking
over the reins of office success attended the stable, and
Washington and Columbus, the first two horses sent out,
both won their races at Doncaster. But it was, perhaps, with
St. Alexis, a nervous and delicate colt by Stockwell out of
Mendicant (who, by the way, broke down shortly after Sir
Joseph had purchased her for £3,000 from Mr. Gully), that
Porter first showed what a master of the trainer's art he really
was. From his previous performances and peculiar temperament,
his owner had come to the conclusion that the animal was
valueless for racing purposes; but Porter came to a different
conclusion, and persuaded Sir Joseph not only to engage his
horse, much against his own opinion, in the Great Eastern
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advent to Kingsclere is noticeable, chiefly from the fact that from that day is to be dated the patronage and friendship which for many years Sir Frederick extended to his trainer. In those days the wagers laid and taken by wealthy patrons of the Turf were on a gigantic scale, and Sir Joseph Hawley was no faint-hearted sportsman, one of his transactions being a bet of £50,000 even with Mr. Chaplin on The Palmer against Hermit; £20,000 of the bet was hedged, but the baronet had to pay the balance. The stable, however, invariably sheltered good horses, and Porter's skill as a trainer generally managed to put his patron's balance on the right side in the long run. Rosicrucian, Green Sleeve, and Blue Gown were two year olds ready to do battle for the stable in 1867, when race after race fell to Sir Joseph Hawley at the Autumn Meeting. One can hardly leave the Kingsclere fortunes of this year without alluding to the somewhat dramatic disqualification of Blue Gown after winning the Champagne Stakes at Doncaster. Doyle, a jockey who owed Wells, the rider of Blue Gown, a grudge, noticed that as the successful rider entered the

weighing-room, he dropped one of the saddle-cloths. Pouncing on it at once, he held it up, exclaiming, "You weighed out with that, weigh in with it." A dead silence fell on the occupants of the weighing-in-room. The clerk of the scales ordered Wells to remain in the scales, and it was at once discovered that he was more than 2lb. in excess of the weight he should have carried. Although not made known at the time, it afterwards transpired that Wells had actually carried an overweight of 5lb. Success followed upon success; and even Porter himself never knew how good Blue Gown really was. Messrs. T. E. Walker and F. Gretton had joined the famous stable some time before the death of Sir Joseph Hawley, and they were followed by Mr. John Gretton. For Mr. F. Gretton, Porter purchased a colt by Sterling out of Isola Bella for the price of 360 guineas at the Yardley sale in 1876. The colt became famous under the name of Isonomy, secured for his owner a bet of



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Another triumph for Porter was the Royal Hunt Cup in 1868, which was won by Satyr, who was at the time a hopeless cripple, having broken down badly in a trial a week previous to the race.

In 1866 Sir Joseph Hawley and Sir Frederick Johnstone bought a horse called Xi from John Osborne. This horse was a good one, and remarkably reliable as a trial horse; but his

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£40,000 when he won the Cambridgeshire, and altogether credited him with £110,000 in stakes and bets, being finally sold for £9,000 at the sale of Mr. Gretton's stock in 1883.

In 1878 the stable was further strengthened by the accession of Lord Alington, who made an unlucky beginning with the purchase of Beaudesert, with whom he hoped to win the Derby; but, as Porter had duly foretold, the colt broke down the first

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animal in question was Ormonde, the

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time he was sent a good gallop. Lord Stamford, who commenced training at Kingsclere in 1881, was more fortunate, as Geheimniss, whom he bought from Tom Cannon for 2,000 guineas, swept the board as a two year oid, and also won the Oaks in the following year. On the death of Percy, who had hitherto trained for them, all Lord Alington's

all Lord Alington's and Sir Frederick Johnstone's horses ere sent to Kingsclere, and, on the retirement of Robert Peck, the late Duke of Westminster also entrusted his entrusted horses to Porter's care. Shotover, a very delicate mare, was amongst the first of the Duke's horses to be trained by Porter; and so was Whipper-In, whose value as a trial horse may be best estimated by the fact that "he tried everything, at all distances up to a mile and a-half, and never made the ghost of a mistake." It will be remembered that Shotover won both the Derby Oaks, and and

thereby inaugurated the magnificent series of victories which Porter achieved for the head of the house of Grosvenor. And so, with constantly-increasing responsibilities and prosperity, the fortunes of Kingsclere went on from strength to strength until, in 1884, a yearling colt destined to win imperishable same arrived at Park

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son of Bend Or and Lily Agnes. Neither time nor space permits of dealing in detail with the racing career and subsequent adventures of this extraordinary horse, and it must suffice to say that he won all his engagements, and was never beaten but once, and that, strange to say, was in the first and only trial in which he took part, when Kendal finished a length in front of him. There was never afterwards any occasion to try Ormonde; ali they wanted to know was that ne was well-the

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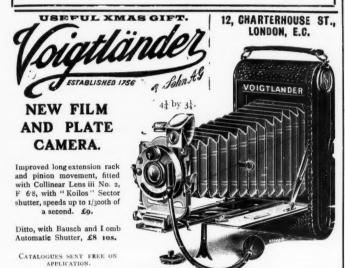
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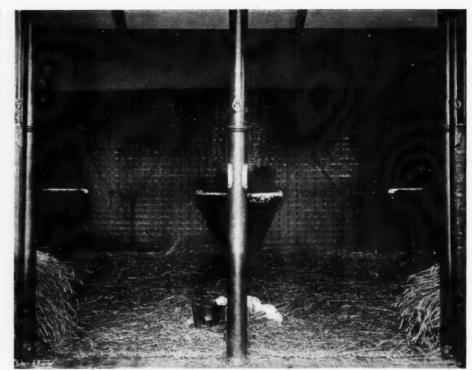
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rest they left to his mighty stride and indomitable courage. In 1886 the stable became honoured by the patronage of the Prince of Wales. Eighteen hundred and eighty-seven was another successful year for Kingsclere. In 1888 came the trouble with Friar's Balsam, caused by an abscess in the jaw. Sainfoin, by the way, was another of Porter's judicious purchases, being bought by him in partnership with Sir Robert Jardine for 550 guineas, and afterwards sold to Sir James Miller, for whom he won the Derby, at the handsome profit of £6,000. In 1889 Baron de Hirsch joined the stable. In 1891 Porter sent out another good horse in Common, who won the triple crown of the Two Thousand Guineas, the Derby, and the St. Leger. Baron de Hirsch gave 5,500 guineas for La Flèche, who with none too much good luck won him £31,153 in stakes alone during her racing career. Then there was Orme, the son of Ormonde and Angelica, whose sensational illness, which was in all probability due to the effects of poison, will not readily be forgotten; £1,000 was offered by the Duke of Westminster for information leading to the discovery of the culprit, but the offer was made in vain. The constant care of John Porter and the veterinary surgeons in attendance enabled the horse to shake

off the effects of his illness, and the following year he won the Eclipse Stakes amidst much enthusiastic cheering. The unexpected victory of Throstle, who started at 50 to 1 in a field of eight for the St. Leger, was the feature of 1894 as far as Kingsclere was concerned. In 1899 came another Kingsclere year, Flying Fox winning the Two Thousand Guineas, the Derby, and the St. Leger. The following year La Roche won the Oaks, and the memorable sale of the late Duke of Westminster's horses took place, when Flying Fox was purchased by M. Le

Blanc for 37,500 guineas.

Figures are not always of much interest, but some of those relating to the horses trained by John Porter may serve better than words can do to give an idea of the magnitude of the interests entrusted to his charge. Seven hundred and twenty-five thousand pounds sterling represents the amount of the stakes which have been won. For the late Duke of Westminster alone over £166,000 stood on the credit side of the balance-sheet, and more than 1,000 horses have been trained at Kingsclere. Twenty-one classic contests figure among the list of races won, and include five Two Thousand Guineas, with Shotover, Paradox, Ormonde,



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With the retirement of the present master of Kingsclere from the active duties of his profession, a great Turf epoch has come to an end. Fortunately, no sadness accompanies the separation, for, to the satisfaction of his world-wide circle of friends, John Porter is still as active, as hearty, and as cheery as ever, and he has shown by his unceasing labours in the founding and promotion of the new race-course at Newbury that his energy has not slackened. That many years of happiness and well-earned prosperity may still be his is the sincere wish of all who know him.

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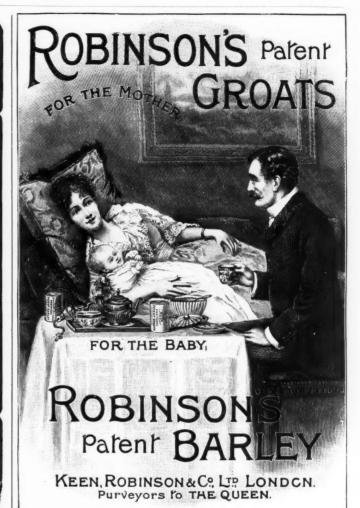


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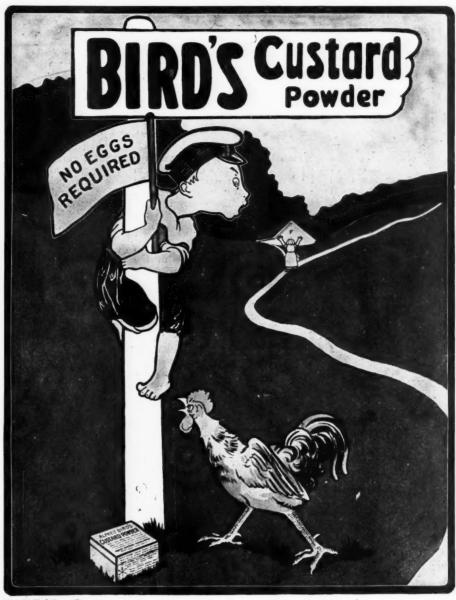
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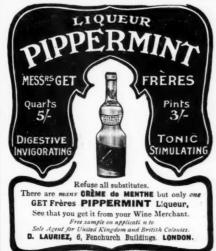


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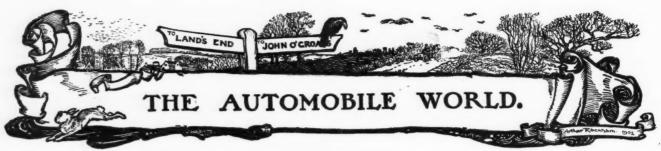
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BEFOGGED.

NOVEL experience, even if it be not pleasant at the time, is always interesting. Now no one can claim that a fog in November is a novelty, and many Londoners have doubtless already been out in one en automobile, since the motor-car is now such a familiar object on the streets; but to me, who am but a country cousin, it was entirely a new sensation to be whirled from clear moonlit scenes into "a darkness that might be felt." Living as we do quite beyond the suburbs, an unaccommodating train service, and our distance from the station, had made theatre-going practically impossible, until the coming of the new vehicle that has enlarged all boundaries. In pre-motor days it was always a question whether one should go up abnormally early and dine in town, or snatch a hurried repast at the terrible hour of six o'clock, while the member of the party to whom train-catching is a nightmare (and is there not always one such even in the most respectable of families?) panted to be off, and consulted his watch anxiously every other minute during the three-mile drive to the station. The moments spent on the draughty platform, the journey with its frequent stoppages, the cab-drives to and from the theatre, and the weary wait at the station for the return train, which was carefully arranged so as not to allow sufficient time for supper, yet to leave a large margin between its departure and the close of the performance—all these things combined to make even the most inveterate playgoer think the game hardly worth the candle. To stop the night in town involved greater trouble, if less discomfort, to say nothing of the considerable expense and the loss of time.

loss of time.

Now, since the arrival of the motor-car, after a reasonably early dinner, less than an hour's drive transports us from our quiet country village to the glittering entrance of any playhouse in the great metropolis. Sometimes as we glide smoothly and

smoothly and swiftly townwards in our car, resting luxuriously on the soft cushions, an electric light shining in the roof, foot-warmers and rugs keeping us cosily warm, we "look on this picture and on that," and compare our present comfort with the irksome pilgrimages theatrewards of a year ago. The other evening, a friend having lent us his White landaulette to take

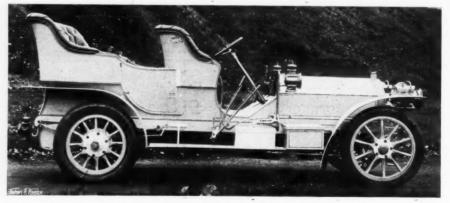
were amusing ourselves noting the differences in running between our own and this, to us, unfamiliar vehicle—"comparisons are odious" is not a proverb, by the way, that is in use among motor enthusiasts—and in watching the pretty country, silvered by moonlight, through which we passed. The punctual arrival on which we had come to rely, was not destined, however, for once to be achieved, for some three or four miles from Piccadilly Circus we ran with startling suddenness into a dense fog. The transition was extraordinarily rapid; our acetylene lamps, which only a few moments before had been revealing every detail of the objects within their scope, now shone whitely on an apparently opaque barrier ahead of us. All was confusion, muffled shouts and blurred outlines combining to produce the impression of a totally unfamiliar world. Clinging closely to the left kerb, as we imagined, we were shortly discovered by a stolid policeman, who emerged like a rock from a sea of shifting traffic, to be heading straight for the opposite side of the road. He assisted us back to the friendly kerb, and after our headlights, which made confusion worse confounded, had been

put out, we crawled warily forward. Two things struck me (only mentally, I mean; as, though I momentarily expected to receive a violent shock on my person from a horse's head or a bus pole, my fears were fortunately not realised); first, the wonderful good nature of everyone concerned; secondly, the extraordinary manner in which the omnibus-driver steers his unwieldy vehicle through the obscurity. He almost appears to be endowed with an extra sense, so unerringly does he thread his way at a steady pace through the maze of unseen traffic.

Occasionally our progress was somewhat suddenly interrupted

Occasionally our progress was somewhat suddenly interrupted by a jerk, and we came to an abrupt stop a few inches off a shop window. Our chauffeur, of that evening, though not one of the "fine gentleman" type, was a dignified person who takes himself and his calling seriously, and the directions of a loafer to "Backwater a bit, ole sport," must have been a severe trial! Presently a complete standstill of the forward-moving traffic gave rise to apprehensions that an accident had occurred ahead; but it proved to have been caused only by the nerves of two maiden ladies, who had alighted from their four-wheeler, and hysterically refused to proceed another step, in the cab or out of it, or to permit the vehicle to move either, as they resolutely held on to the doorhandle! The ever-ready policeman came to the rescue, soothed their fears, and made a way for the traffic to pass, and their protests were soon swallowed up in the fog. We did not, after all, miss more than fifteen minutes of the play, as the atmosphere was clearer when we got to Knightsbridge. The return journey, however, was a more serious matter, and took over two hours, as the fog by that time extended to the suburbs. During our tedious progress we had plenty of time and opportunity to discover that the motor-car is of all vehicles the most convenient and safe in such circumstances, partly owing to the fact that it is so easily pulled up, and partly because the distance from the driver to the extreme front of the car is so short. Certainly, it must have been impossible the other night for cab-drivers to see

their horses' but the fog would have to be very impenetrable that would prevent a chauffeur from at least dimly perceiving the outline of the bonnet. Several horses, too, poor creatures, cold from standing, and fretted by the constant stopping and restarting, became restive and unmanageable, but the "eighteen gave us no trouble whatever. It is always our custom, fortunately, to have supper light



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packed in the car to while away the return journey, and as we munched our sandwiches in the snug comfort of the landaulette we decided that even under these circumstances our condition was not very deplorable, and that our plight would have been far worse in a cold railway carriage, waiting, somewhere near Clapham Junction, probably, for the disorganised train service to resume work.

A FLOATING CLUBHOUSE FOR THE M.Y.C.

HE Motor Yacht Club has redeemed in thorough-going fashion the promise made at its foundation that it would provide a floating clubhouse for its members. Such an undertaking obviously required time to carry out, and it was not until a few weeks ago that a suitable vessel was discovered. The announcement is now made that the committee has chartered the former Admiralty yacht Enchantress, which was sold out of the service in July last. This fine old vessel is about 1,000 tons in size, and possesses

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IN WESTERN QUEENSLAND.

This antiquated-looking machine is said to be the only m tor-car in this tortion of the Colony,

boats could be hauled up for repairs and cleaning. The Enchantress will be moored in Southampton Water, and a fast motor-launch and a sailing-boat will maintain communication with the shore. It is also proposed to arrange for a garage for the use of members who drive down by road.

It is difficult to over-estimate the encouraging effect that this

enterprising scheme will have upon the popularity of motor-yachting in the Solent. The sheltered waters of the Wight, with their almost innumerable creeks and rivers, many of which cannot be explored, except, perhaps, under exceptionally favourable conditions, by even the smallest sailing craft, form an ideal cruising ground for the motor-boat-owner. Those who perforce have been restricted to the wider and deeper main channels, have little idea of the beauties of the Beaulieu River and the upper reaches of the Hamble, to mention only two of the less-known waterways of the Hampshire coast. One can suit the day's run to the wind and weather, and always find smooth water somewhere; or, if preferred, the open Channel is close at hand, to test the sea-going qualities of the vessel. The Solent, however, here highests are desired and the state of the water for the graph beat owner. test the sea-going qualities of the vessel. The Solent, however, has hitherto possessed one disadvantage for the small-boat-owner, who must needs find sleeping accommodation ashore. Both the big ports, Southampton and Portsmouth, are crowded and expensive, while the coast towns which only boast an open roadstead are mostly on the island shore, and therefore less easy of access. With a comfortable floating clubhouse, moored in a sheltered and convenient spot, clear of the dirt and turmoil of a big barbour the

clear of the dirt and turmoil of a big harbour, the motor-boat-owner's lot should be a pleasant one. We fancy that the scheme will do much to encourage the purely amateur element in the pastime, as with a club workshop and moorings in the immediate neighbourhood of the parent ship the paid hand should no longer be required, except in the case of the larger craft. At Olympia many stoutly-built and seaworthy little launches were shown which could be kept up at very small expense, and would afford the means for many a pleasant week-end cruise, returning each night to the floating headquarters of the club. It is stated that the Enchanress, which is now undergoing certain necessary alterations, will be ready by the commencement of the yachting season, and we have little doubt that the enterprise of the latest offshoot of the Automobile Club will meet with the success that it deserves.

THE PARIS SALON.
THE great exhibition at the Grand Palais opens to-day (Friday), and although its interest to the English motorist has been somewhat discounted by the recent Olympia show, a fair number of visitors from this side of the Channel will continue to make the occasion an excuse for a visit to the French capital. A week or two ago we foretold that one feature of the Paris show

A week or two ago we foretold that one feature of the Paris show would be the number of really inexpensive cars staged. Since then we have learnt the particulars of a few which it is said will make their first appearance in public at the Grand Palais. A voiturette, brought out by the firm of Demester and Lamberjack, the great motor-cycle-makers, will have a single-cylinder motor of 6 h.p., three speeds, and will be sold at £100, complete with two-seated body. Another light car, the "Omega," with 8 h.p. single-cylinder engine, is a miniature of a larger model. The price will be somewhere between £75 to £90 for the chassis. The well-known firm of Peugeot will stage a 7 h.p. car. with three speeds and a reverse.

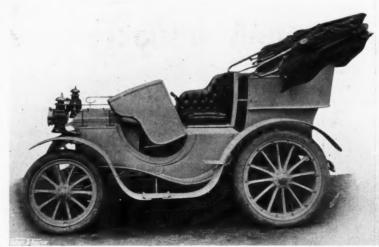
There is also another promising newcomer, the "Sizaire and Naudin." This little vehicle has a chassis narrowed in front, wood wheels, and a 7ft. wheelbase. The motor has a single cylinder of 8 h.p., with mechanically-operated valves; an electric ignition of such simplicity that all wires are dispensed with; a thermo-syphon cooling system; a metal-to-metal clutch; an inclined steering column; three speeds (on all of which a direct drive is very ingeniously contrived) and a reverse; brakes both on the wheels and the

differential; in fact, every detail that one could expect on a complete car of thorough design and workmanship. The body takes two people and luggage, and is sprung in a novel people and luggage, and is sprung in a nover manner, which is said to give a wonderful freedom from vibration. This little car, of which the selling price is £120, has been doing daily runs from Panis during the last two months, and M. Paul Meyan, the well-known editor of La France Automobile, has himself driven this voiturette some sixty miles, and speaks of it in high terms of praise. In our report of the Paris Exhibition we hope to deal at length with the small cars, which were very poorly represented at Olympia.

NEW MOTOR-OMNIBUS REGULATIONS.

A number of draft regulations, subject to possible modifications, have been framed by Mr. E. R. Henry, the Commissioner of Police for the metropolis, with a view to instructing the proprietors or constructors of motor-omnibuses as to the conditions necessary for obtaining a confidence of the conditions.

motor-omnibuses as to the conditions necessary for obtaining a certificate of fitness for vehicles of that type. It appears to be the opinion of the Commissioner that many of the motor-omnibuses now in use do not give sufficient clearance between the under parts and the ground, and though the new regulations do not apply to motor-omnibuses already made, or so far advanced as to be incapable of alteration, he invites proprietors to consider what can be done to buses already licensed which do not give a clearance of at least loin, to protect, by means of a guard or fender, persons falling in what can be done to buses already licensed which do not give a clearance of at least Ioin., to protect, by means of a guard or fender, persons falling in front of the vehicle from being crushed by the low axles, engine shields, etc. On new vehicles, however, the following requirements are now defined as regards the chassis: Height from ground, minimum 28in, and maximum 32in.; a maximum length of 19ft.; breadth—inside measurement—minimum 38in., maximum 48in.; clearance of the under parts, including axle, as far back as the differential gear-box, where fitted, to be at least Ioin. when the bus is fully loaded; wheel-base, minimum 12ft., maximum 13ft. 6in.; and wheel track, a minimum of 5ft. 5in. Various measurements are also specified with regard to the dimensions of the body. It is also required that the steering arms be of sufficient strength, and, as far as possible, protected from damage by collision. Where possible also they should be fitted in duplicate, to allow of the car being controlled should one part become defective. The stipulation is also made that each omnibus part become defective. The stipulation is also made that each omnibus should be fitted with at least two independent brakes, of sufficient strength that either of them would be capable of stopping and holding the vehicle under all conditions. The maintaining of the brakes in perfect order, it is added, will at all times be insisted upon; and this would appear to foreshadow a system of periodical examination on the part of the police authorities. Among various other provisos that are enjoined is one that the petrol tank should be so placed that in the case of overflow the spirit does not foll upon any weedwork. the spirit does not fall upon any woodwork.



A NOVEL SIDE ENTRANCE.

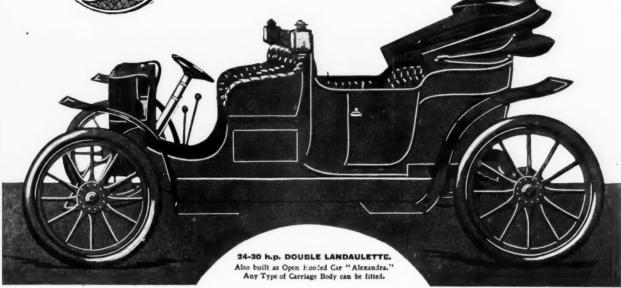
front seat forward, access is obtained to the rear seats. The car is a new type three-cylinder 12 n.p. Duryea, recently supplied to a medical man in the North of England. By tilting the

A LIGHT-CAR CONTEST.

France seems to be never tired of competitions, and even at this late period of the year a Coupe des Voiturettes contest has just been held. It took the form of a reliability trial, extending over six days. The route was the same each day, to Vaudreuil and back, and measured 124 miles, being also divided into four sections, over each of which an average speed was to be maintained of not less than fifteen miles an hour. The entrants numbered twenty-two, but so inclement was the weather at the time of starting that



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HILL-CLIMBING IN THE SNOW.

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only thirteen put in an appearance, and set off over thick snow on their journey of over 700 miles. They included three Gregoires, three De Dion-Boutons, three Lacoste-Battmanns, and one each of the Gladiator, Demester et Lamberjack, Hugot, and Vulpes. Owing to one cause and another four of the little cars had retired before the last day's ren was concluded. So many nails, obviously strewn by malice, were encountered on the sixth day as to lead to numerous punctures, and large rewards have been offered for the discovery of the perpetrator of the outrage. The seventh day was devoted to three speed tests, one being over a kilomètre on the flat, with flying start, another uphill, and the third over 500 mètres, with standing start and finish. At the time of going to press the results have not been published, but the issue appeared to lie between one of the De Dion team and a Lacoste-Battmann. The first-named did the fastest speed trials, and the Lacoste-Battmann made the best average, if the stage on which the

nails were spread, causing general punctures, be neutralised. On the other hand, making no allowances for the punctures, the Vulpes made the best performance. A report will be issued by the jury in due course.

"Some Morals from Olympia."

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With a fertile theme in hand Mr. Filson Young had an excellent opportunity at the Automobile Club last week, at the first meeting of the winter session. Unfortunately for his hearers, however, his treatment of the subject indicated in the above title was jejune in the extreme, and could hardly be regarded in a serious light. He announced himself as approaching the matter as an interested amateur, but the imaginary person for whom he appeared to stand sponsor had little knowledge of motor-vehicles, and still less of natural acumen. He complained that the visitor to Olympia was dazzled or mesmerised by the brilliance of the show, and that no means existed for obtaining information as to the advances made in construction or

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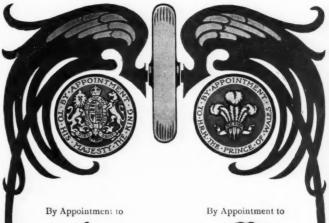
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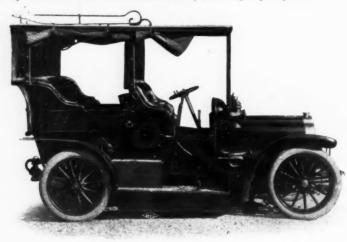
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design during the past year. The possibility of the said visitor having eyes in his head to observe with, or a tongue to use for the purpose of enquiry, did not appear to enter into Mr. Young's purview at all; and while it is possible to conceive the existence of sundry odd visitors to the show who know absolutely nothing about cars, the fact undoubtedly remains that immense numbers of people now read automobile literature with avidity, and go to a motor-car exhibition well primed with information, and fully competent to compare one car with another. Indeed, so far from exhibitors being able to flout or bluff the visitors at their stands, it may be said without a moment's hesitation that many an attendant must have found himself hard put to it to justify his position



THE 15-20 H.P. HORBICK. This car was described at length in our last issue.

of making too great claims for his particular wares. It was contended by of making too great claims for his particular wares. It was contended by Mr. Young that the Automobile Club should hold an annual exhibition of cars with a view to explaining what progress had been made during the year, but he did not venture to explain who the experts were to be who should pass judgment on the cars, and hold this one up to admiration and that one up to obloquy. The sole conclusion which could be drawn from Mr. Young's address was that he judged the public by his individual standard, with an inference that is by no means flattering to the public.

MOTOR NERVES.

Under this heading a paragraph appears in a contemporary in which the following sentence occurs: "What with the noise and vibration, and the

effect of the chill air upon the facial nerves, I am surprised that there are not more society folk laid up with similar troubles "—the troubles referred to being alleged to have been caused to the Duchess of Manchester as the result of too much motor-riding. Whatever the effects may be in this particular se, it is utterly absurd rowadays to parace the old bogeys about noise and tration where up-to-date motor-cars are concerned. One has only to take vibration where up-to-date motor-cars are concerned. one's stand at any point in the West End, and note the passing of various limousines and other well-appointed cars of first-class type, to note that the engines and gears alike are extraordinarily quiet. Rattling is absolutely unknown; so also are trepidations of any kind which may extend in an appreciate the decrease to the transfer of the first class of the contraction.

ciable degree to the passengers. The car of to-day is beautifully suspended, runs on pneumatic tyres, and is drawn along by an engine ciable degree to the passengers. The car of to-day is beautifully suspended, runs on pneumatic tyres, and is drawn along by an engine of marvellous flexibility, which responds to the slightest touch of the accelerator pedal. Cars used to be noisy and vibratory alike, not merely because of badly-balanced engines and ill-designed gears, but because the motor was much less flexible, and the driver was constantly changing speeds with every variation of gradient. The operation of changing gear, moreover, was almost invariably productive of some amount of jar. Nevertheless, things are totally different on vehicles of recent design. The engine is powerful enough and flexible enough to take a car up most hills on the third, if not the fourth, speed, and the use of a low gear is seldom required, while even where a speed has to be changed it can easily be effected neatly without either jar or noise. In the matter of the effects of "the chill air upon the facial nerves," one can but say that if people go motoring without wrapping themselves up properly, they have only themselves to blame for any ill effects which may accrue. Ample means are available nowadays for ensuring protection against the weather for automobilists of both sexes, and for every type of car. The remark, indeed, above quoted is typical of many which appear in the papers from time to time, written by people who are not automobilists themselves, and whose knowledge of the subject is little more advanced than was the case when automobilism was in its initial stages.

CARS AND BRIGHT COLOURS.

Some very marked contrasts are observable nowadays in the colours in which motor-cars are painted, and it is open to doubt as to whether a good many body-makers are not somewhat on the wrong tack, or their customers, who specify particular hues. While many cars are too "loud" in their appearance, there is an even greater tendency to make the vehicle as quiet in its externals as it is the aim of the constructor to make its engine and gears. Does this not point to a perpetuation of the "carriage" idea, instead of bearing in mind that the motor-car is an individual creation? Nothing could be in better taste for its own particular purpose than the ordinary town brougham, in which extreme perfection of polish is combined with soberness of hue, custom having made the latter almost as immutable as the black of the Venetian gondola. But the touring motor-car is put to very different purposes. It does not merely make a round of limited

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dimensions, and return either spotless, or, at the most, in dirty weather, wi h a few mud-stains; on the contrary, it travels at a higher rate of speed, and often over long distances, and hence it may encounter both unlimited mud or unlimited dust. As far as may be, therefore, its coat of paint should be such as will make the car look as smart as possible at the end of a journey as well as at the beginning. It may be argued, too, that whereas the town carriage moves chiefly amon, at bricks and mortar, the touring car is constantly in line with Nature herself, and requires brighter tints in consequence. The majority of cars, therefore, are painted, and rightly, in less sombre tints than those of the ordinary landaulette or brougham; but while in individual cases these tints may be too gay, there are undoubtedly many others in which the coachwork is not as bright as might be. And, above all else, one fact is too frequently ignored, and that is that a car should not be painted in a colour in which it looks best when brand-new, or when freshly cleaned and polished, but in the shade which looks best under normal conditions. Now while it is true that no colour will show through a really thick coat of mud or dust, there are often days on which the car collects neither, and appears to maintain its original hue. But this is not the case. Actual experience shows that when it is neither wet overhead nor muddy beneath, and, on the other hand, the day is not a dusty one, a film of dust collects all over the car, so fine as to be imperceptible in itself, yet just enough to alter the colour scheme. And this is particularly noticeable in shades of red. A man may be the proud possessor of a red car, the tone of which appeals to him as eminently rich and tasteful. After ten or twenty miles of travelling on the least dusty of dry days, he may have occasion to call a halt, and he will notice that the car looks as if it had gathered no dust at all; but on passing a duster over the bonnet or panels he will realise that, though impalpable, there is just sufficient dust collected to alter the shade and reduce it to dulness. Hence it is much to be desired that coach-builders should make a practice of painting car bodies, whatever the colour they may adopt, say, a couple of degrees brighter than the shade which seems best when the car is clean; for in actual use it will be found on most types of road that the colour of one's preference is never presented by one's car save in the motor-house and for the first mile or two of a journey.

THE POSITION OF THE STEERING BAR.

There is one detail of the chassis of a motor-car which seemed to have become stereotyped, but in which of late there has been a change of practice on the part of several makers, whose numbers, too, are rapidly being on the part of augmented. We refer to the horizontal rod coupled to the steering arms, which are pivoted to the front axle. Until recently this rod was invariably placed in front of the axle, with the result that in cases of collision with any road obstruction it was likely to be bent. More than one example was seen, however, at the last Paris show of cars in which the rod was placed behind the axle, and the same method was found to be employed on a large number of vehicles at the recent Olympia show. Inasmuch as the front axle is very much stronger than the steering rod, it is obviously better for the former to receive the force of any impact that may be encountered; and attention to this detail may on occasion

make all the difference between the driver being able to steer his car away after a mishap and leaving it on the road. Another good idea which has been employed on a limited number of cars is that of connecting the front spring hangers by a coupling bar. This, again, is a useful device in case of possible collision, as it may save the radiator, and has the further merit of stiffening the frame. The reason, of course, why fittings of this kind are not more common is that people are always more to provide for the off chance. No one expects to meet wi or less unwilling No one expects to meet with an accident of any kind, nor indeed is such a thing an imminent probability; nevertheless, there is no harm in providing a little additional security against mischances when it can be effected without difficulty or cost. If people, by the way, did think a little oftener of the possibility of being run into by another which, instead of resting content with the consciousness of their own care in driving, they would not be so prone to attach £20 or £30 worth of acetylene lamps to the frame in such a way that they project even further forward than the spring hangers themselves. When lamps are attached in this way they are always liable to get broken, particularly in garages, where cars are constantly being shifted about when the owners are not there to look after them

WHAT THE ANTI-AUTOMOBILISTS SAY.

In addition to the choice expressions which we have quoted under this heading from time to time may be added sundry statements made at a recent meeting of the Yorkshire Agricultural Union. One speaker remarked that "the possession of a motor-car seemed to turn a man who was brute"; while another observed that "people suffer terribly from the nerve-shattering effects of these monstrous machines coming on them with the rattle of a threshing-machine and the wail of a lost soul!" It may be added that the manner in which the remark of an automobilist who was present was received shows how entirely ignorant many people still are on the subject of motor-car control. He stated that, speed for speed, a are on the subject of motor-car control. He stated that, speed for speed, a motor-car going at fifteen miles an hour was more under control than a hoise and trap, and this was greeted with cries of "No, no!" Now this is not a matter of opinion, but a plain, uncontrovertible fact. Any motor-car in use at the present moment can be set side by side with the most perfectly-trained at the present moment can be set side by side with the most perfectly-trained horse and the most skilful driver that can be found; and if the two vehicles are sent off together from a mark, and ordered to pull up at a given signal, there will be absolutely no comparison between the distance in which the car can be stopped and that of the horse-drawn vehicle. Not only have repeated and certified tests proved this to demonstration, but evidence of the fact may be seen on any street or road on any day of the week.

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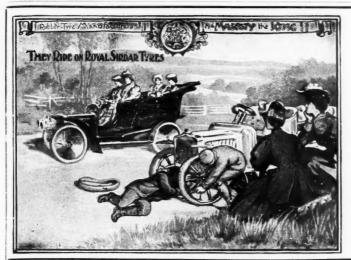
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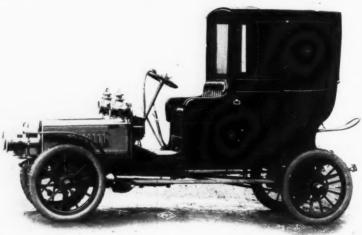
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Lut far more encouragement is given to automobile manufacture by the French Government than is the case in the United Kingdom. A report, however, has been prepared by Mr. Hennequin, chief of the French Minister of the Interior's department, which shows emphatically enough that France is far behind us in numbers. The statistics furnished in this France is far behind us in numbers. The statistics furnished in this report are based on the taxation returns upon motor-vehicles of all kinds, and are brought right up to date. From these it appears that the number of motor-cars now in use in France is 21,524, the total number in the previous year having been 17,107, and that of 1903 the much lower figure of 12,984. Of the 21,000 odd referred to, Paris is responsible for 4,067 cars. Whether we take the whole of the United Kingdom, or merely London, the facts disclose the enormous preponderance of automobiles in this country. Though no official figures are available of the total number of cars to date, it is practically certain that at least 35,000 are now in use in Great Britain and Ireland, and probably even more. As regards London itself, moreover, it may be remembered that it is now a long time since the ten thousandth registration number was reached by the London County Council, and the index mark of A was changed to by the London County Council, and the index mark of A was changed to LC accordingly; since which time the index marks have run up to close upon 4,000, if, indeed, they have not already passed that figure. Less than half of these are motor-cycles, so that there are probably 7,000 cars within the



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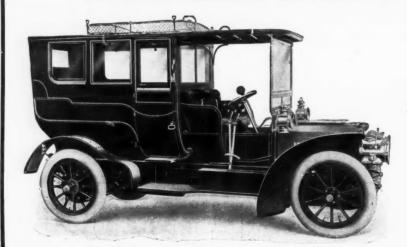
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> Mr. Swinton said that he considered these figures, were based upon a fairly large service of a company running 100 or 200 omnibuses, were perfectly safe, and that they would probably be reduced materially in the future. His evidence was to a certain extent corroborated by that of Mr. Daniel Duff, the manager of the Road Car Company, who at the time of

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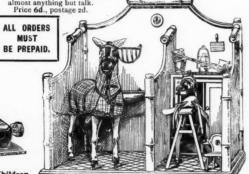
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The St. Pancras Ironworks Company are exhibiting one of their steam-

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The Sirdar Rubber Company have received an order from the Star Omnibus Company for motor-omnibus tyres to the amount of £10,000. In the covering letter the Star Company state that the Sirdar tyres have proved so satisfactory during the past six months, that they have decided to fit them to all their new vehicles which will be delivered during the next twelve months.

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THE PROGRESS OF THE BICYCLE.

F few articles of mechanism, and certainly of no other form of locomotive agent, can it be said that such a pitch of excellence has been reached as in the case of the modern bicycle. The new generation of cyclists who gaze at the machines of to-day do not realise the progress which has been made, the difficulties which have been overcome; and very few of them appreciate at its full value the beautiful simplicity which has been attained in

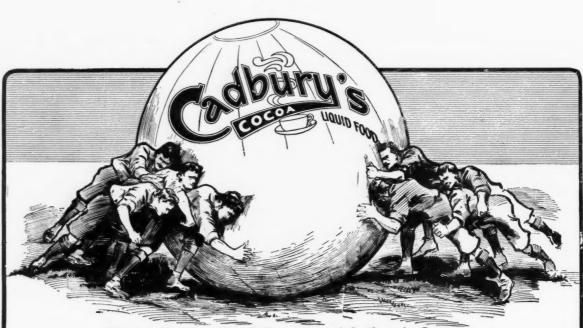
every part of the modern bicycle.

To the veteran who can recall the old boneshaker, who can remember the early days of the crude safety, and the revolutionary changes which followed the introduction of ball bearings and pneumatic tyres, it seems a marvellous development; and innovations, such as the free wheel and the two-speed gear, have followed, so that the machine of to-day is one of the

most wonderful pieces of engineering ever devised

Friction and weight have been brought almost to an irreducible minimum, and the percentage in waste of power between crank bracket and road wheels is so small that motorcar and locomotive engineers may well feel envious. The free wheel and the two-speed gear enable the rider to adapt his machine to every gradient and conserve his energy as much as possible; whilst the brakes, considering their weight and power, are also marvels of constructive skill.

The machines for 1906 have no radical differences from those of the preceding season, and change and improvement are to be found mainly in details and equipment. The feature of the Stanley Show was the popularity of variable gears, the two-speed type being most generally fitted. Variable gears can now be had as a standard attachment on many high-grade machines, and in any case the extra cost is comparatively small. Brakes have been improved in various respects, and the roller-lever pattern, first introduced last year, has come much into demand. This form of lever allows a smooth and easy application of the brake, and if well made it gives very good results. In cheap brakes it could be nade it gives very good results. In cheap brakes it could be noted, however, that some of the parts were very flimsy, and hardly to be relied upon. Back-pedalling brakes were also to be found, and some were shown in conjunction with two-speed gears and free wheels—all placed in the hub. Back-pedalling



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It was interesting to note that on several of the high-grade machines gear-cases were fitted, and manufacturers seem willing to encourage the idea of having the chains protected in this manner. The gear-case of to-day is a light and well-made article, which can be attached and detached without much trouble, and which serves to protect the transmission system very effectively. It is therefore very pleasing to find it coming into favour again.

Further reduction in weight is hardly possible in the current design of bicycle, but manufacturers have expended much ingenuity in keeping down the weight of the whole machine to a low figure, although it carries many extra fittings—such as brakes, free wheel, and variable gears. Some very nice road-racers and light roadsters were shown, 26in. wheels being used in not a few cases. Light and cheap machines for club men were numerous also, and there was a marked development in cycles for juveniles. Prices average much the same as last ear, but almost invariably the makers have sought to give better value for the money.

With regard to individual exhibits Messrs. Humber showed

machines ranging from 8 guineas to 19 guineas. The second dearest cycle on their list is the Beeston-Humber, and this has amongst other features the Humber-Cordner three-speed gear, one of the most ingenious and best made variable gears on the market. For 19 guineas one can have the Beeston aluminium machine, which has all the merits of the other cycle, but is lighter in weight. The feature of the Enfield display was that the firm's patent girder frame has been now adopted on all the models save the 8-guinea machine. It gives great rigidity to the bottom bracket. The fitting of the Fagan two-speed gear on Enfield machines is very carefully done, and their model Riche cycles were amongst the finest in the show.

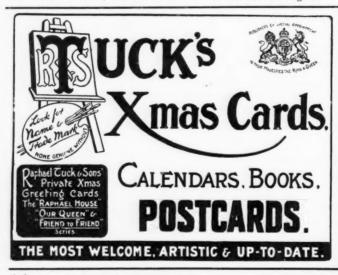
Lea and Francis machines, as usual, were found only in one grade and one price. They can be had in future at 19 guineas if fitted with the firm's two-speed gear, an exceedingly clever and well-made device. On the stands of the Birmingham Small Arms Company many varieties of brakes were to be found, and two types of two-speed gears, with free wheel on both speeds. two types of two-speed gears, with free wheel on both speeds. Their well-known and tried spring frame, and the famous B.S.A. sets of parts, attracted much attention. The Eadie Manufacturing Company occupied three stands, so extensive was their display of parts and fittings. Their two-speed coaster hub, with self-contained brake, was one of the most talked about things at the show. The Hyde free-wheel clutch was another special item.

Moderate prices characterised the Ariel machines, which are now listed at £6 15s. and £8 15s., and look remarkable bargains, being smartly designed and well finished in every particular. The accessory and tyre sections at the show were very interesting, and motor-cycles were displayed in large numbers, showing many improvements, and a general reduction in price. Amongst the non-skid bands, those of Messrs. R. and J. Pullman came in for much attention owing to their careful method of manufacture. The show altogether was a great success in every department relating to cycles.

Some important firms refrained from exhibiting, however, and amongst these were the Rudge-Whitworth Company, and Messrs. Singer and Co., who arranged shows at their own depots. Rudge-Whitworth make quite a feature of their "speed-iron," Rudge-Wintworth make dute a feature of their "speed-fron, a modestly-priced machine, daintily light, and uncommonly fast. It weighs $21\frac{1}{2}$ lb., sells at £9, and is one of the nicest racing mounts one could desire. The £12 10s. Aero-Special is a very fine touring machine, and weighs only 25lb. They also show a nice tandem at £15 10s., a tricycle, and some exceptionally good juvenile machines, similar to those supplied to the young Princes of Wells. The forecast Singer machines can raw be had from of Wales. The famous Singer machines can now be had from £8 10s., and the Special Grand, a superbly finished and equipped machine, at 16 guineas is their dearest model. The brake-work on all their machines is, like the other details, up to a very high standard, and the range of patterns offered is one to suit all

LIVESTOCK SHOWS.

FORTUNATELY, we go to press too early with our Christmas Number to do more than note the very satisfactory entries for the Smithfield Show this year. But the exhibitions already held are full of instruction to those engaged in that form of husbandry which consists in preparing livestock for the table. As far as cows are concerned, the moral seems to be that which is so insisted upon by the Jersey connoisseurs—that the general-purpose cow is a mistake, and that the best way to secure efficiency is to specialise the breeds. But graziers have a somewhat wider field to choose from than the dairy-farmers. There are many breeds of cows that fatten well, and three that are preeminently distinguished in this respect; they are, the shorthorn,





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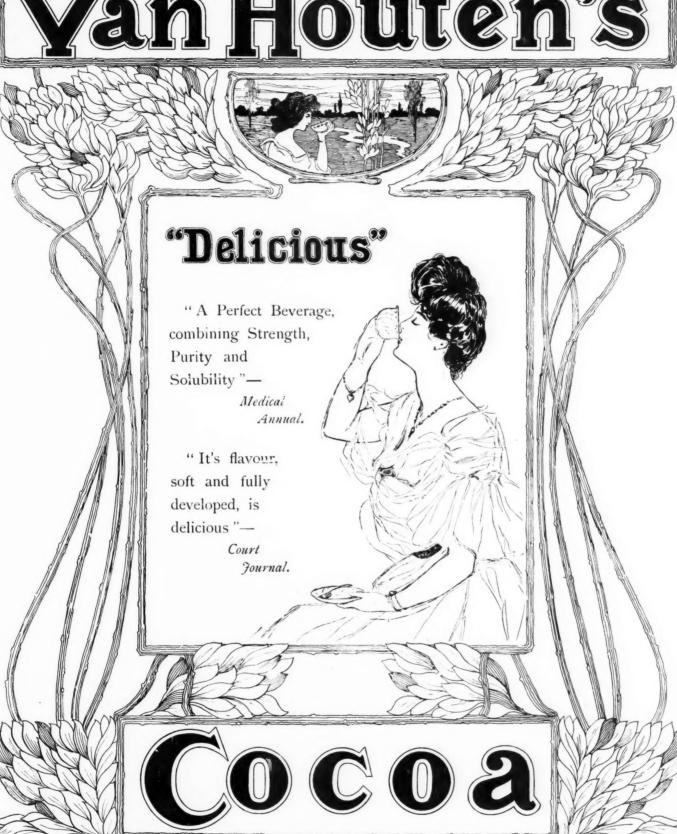
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the Aberdeen-Angus, and the Hereford. All of them have been credited with many victories on the show benches, and it would not be well to take the results of one year as decisive of the respective merits of the breeds; but still, the proof of the pudding lies in the eating of it, and a survey of the championships awarded at the Birmingham show is not without instruction.

In the first place, the Hereford ox comes out very highly; the best beast in the show was a Hereford. It took the Breeders' Championship Prize, value £25, for the best animal in Classes 1—25, bred by the exhibitor; the Elkington Challenge Cup, value 100 guineas, which is given to the exhibitor of what is considered to be the best animal in the show; the Thorley Challenge Cup, value 100 guineas, which is also awarded on the same principle; and the Webb Challenge Cup, value 100 guineas, for the best animal bred by the exhibitor. At the same time, it has to be noted that His Majesty was awarded the reserve in the same competitions for one of those beautiful shorthorn heifers which from time to time make their appearance at Windsor. It would be very interesting to notice what this splendid Hereford steer does at Smithfield. It is a remarkable animal, weighing 18cwt. 12lb. at the age of two years and nine months, falling not so very far short of the animal which was awarded an extra prize of ten guineas given for the heaviest beast in the show. This was a shorthorn belonging to Mr. H. D. Dennis, and weighed 20cwt. 2qr. 11lb. at the age of three years and eight months. It is instructive to notice what the butchers' opinion was, as evidenced by their awards. Their first prize of £10 for the best butcher's beast, of any age, over 13cwt., was awarded to Mr. A. B. Dryburgh for an Aberdeen-Angus, while the best of any age not over 13cwt. proved to be an Aberdeen-Dexter cross belonging to Mr. B. de Bertodan.

In the sheep awards we do not find much room for comment. It was certainly one of the best exhibitions that has been seen for many years, and the championship for the best pen in any of the classes was won by a pen of Hampshire lambs beionging to Mr. James Flower. In pigs, the championship was won by a pair of Tamworths, belonging to Mr. R. Ibbotson. These were probably as good as anything that has been exhibited in Birmingham for a long time. The poultry section of the show was extremely interesting, especially in regard to what we may call a side show.

Discussion is continually arising as to the best means of preserving eggs, and many recipes have been printed in our columns. At the Birmingham show the eggs meant for competition are delivered in August, and it is noteworthy that

both of the two prizes offered for this product were won by eggs that had been preserved in water glass. Whatever may be said about other preservatives, from a theoretical point of view, it would appear to be evident that this is the best substance for practical purposes. Others that have been tried by those who exhibited eggs were mutton dripping, gum arabic, white of egg, and lard. The objection to water glass is that it makes the shells so very hard that there is a difficulty in breaking them, and perhaps science will come to the rescue and find out some more satisfactory preservative. In table poultry the cross between Indian Game and Dorking more than holds its own, although there were some very good exhibits of Buff Orpingtons, which, despite the clamour raised against their being a composite or mongrel race, appear to grow in favour with breeders of poultry. It is very evident, however, that the English Game makes almost as good a cross with Dorking or Sussex pullets as the Cornish Game does. There was an excellent show of turkeys, chiefly remarkable for the fact of so many white birds being shown.

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On the whole, it must be admitted that satisfactory progress is being made with the development of our cattle for the butcher. At the Tonbridge Fat Stock Show, which was held a week before the Birmingham show, the animals were very much of the same character as those we have mentioned before; and the judges showed the same admirable tendency to choose firm and well-fleshed animals in preference to those who have only their size and weight to recommend them. Naturally there the Sussex breed occupied a much more prominent position than they did at Birmingham, and the best steer, an animal belonging to Mr. W. W. Berry, weighed 18cwt. 22lb., and was an admirable beast from the butcher's point of view. The champion steer belonged, however, to the Aberdeen-Angus breed. Its weight was somewhat less than that of Mr. Berry's, being 16cwt. 2qr. 20lb., but its quality left nothing to be desired.

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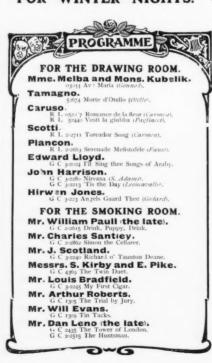
To some extent, no doubt, the provincial English shows have been influenced by the growth of those in Scotland. The one held in the Waverley Market, Edinburgh, was noticeable for its most excellent display of sheep. The cattle were not quite up to the same level, though the animal that won the championship was very well worthy of the honour. Burn Bellona belonged to Colonel M'Intyre; at two years she weighed 1,776lb. The shorthorns were not quite so good, and, in fact, it would almost seem as though the cultivation of this breed in Scotland had begun to fall away of recent years, celebrated as Scotland was in the olden days for her shorthorns.

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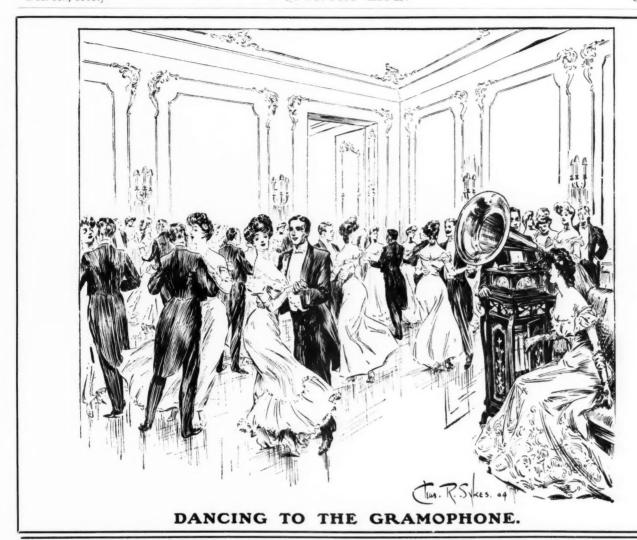




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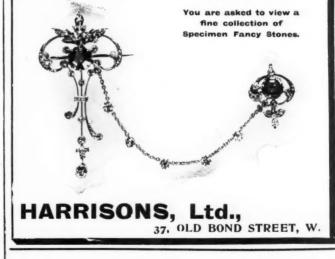
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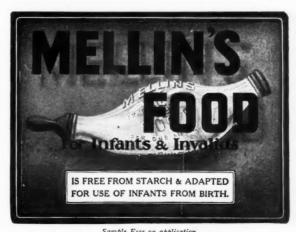
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THE HOLLY.

N interesting paper on "The Holly" was read a few days ago before the Royal Horticultural Society, and a brief reference to it is appropriate at this season. The lecturer opened his lecture with the following remarks: "Holly plays a most important part in our winter lardscape. It is true that not one of our native evergreens could be spared from either hill or dale without a sense of grievous loss. Spruce and Pine, Juniper and Yew, and trailing Ivy—each has its distinct value, and each in its own way is most beautiful. But one and all of them are sad. We do not feel it when the glow of the summer sunset lights up the red stems of the Scots Firs, nor when the murmur of the west wind croons softly in the Spruce boughs above our heads on a warm autumn day. We may even turn away from the dazzling colour of flower borders to the cool, sylvan green of Juniper, or gladly take shelter from the scorching noonday sun under the dim shade of some solemn Yew, and never once think of sadness. But reverse the pictures, and recall how all these look under a gloomy November sky, with fog-clouds, hanging low and chill over the hill-tops, and say if then we are not ready to confess that one and all are more or less funereal. Exactly the same effect is given by some of the evergreen trees of other latitudes. The 'gloomy' vegetation of the forest' at certain seasons at the Antipodes has often been remarked; but we seldom realise, whether at home during winter, or its corresponding rest-time in milder climates, that it is the dead calm of arrested life all about us that holds us in its grip. Most evergreens betray it even more than deciduous trees, which, to a watchful eye, are never wholly asleep. Nor is this to be wondered at, for it is, in fact, owing to the more complete suspension of vital force during their resting-time that conifers and other evergreen trees are able to hold their leaves. But, nevertheless, there is no dead calm about the Holly. Rude health and vigour is written upon it at all seasons, and the cheerful glint

HINTS ON GROWING THE HOLLY.

May is preferable to September for planting Holl es, no matter what the weather may be, but after planting mulch and give one good watering, with gentle syringing on warm evenings. With regard to Gold and Silver Hollies, beginning with the former, of which Aurea marginata is the type, we would say Golden Queen or Aurea Regina undoubtedly is the finest and most effective variety, either as a single specimen on the lawn or in large groups on the fringe of the shrubbery. As a golden variegated tree it is unrivalled for beautiful colouring in winter, when its brightness seems to bring summer into the dull months of the year. Another desirable golden variety is Compacta aurea, or watereriana, which forms a charming small specimen of warm yellow shades. The weeping variety of Golden Queen is very beautiful on the lawn, and a Holly of recent introduction called Mme. Briot has foliage almost as bright as Golden Queen; the growth is vigorous, and the berries are

of a brilliant red. The Silver Hollies must be grouped whole. Ilex argentea and several beautiful varieties of creamy colouring fall into this section. Argentea marginata, the old Silver Holly, is of very quick growth, hardy, and has an abundance of berries; Argentea pendula is the weeping form, and makes a cheery specimen on the lawn. Its brightness is unsurpassed by any other variegated tree of similar growth; but the most striking of all is Handsworth Silver. Those who have studied the interesting collection in the Royal Gardens, Kew, will have noticed its long, silver-margined leaves, amongst which the red berries shine out brightly in the winter months. It is the Holly to plant on the fringe of the lawn, and if we were restricted to one Silver-leaved Holly our choice would be Handsworth Silver, the queen of its race. The familiar Silver Queen, known in books as Aquifolium Argentea Regina, is also a very fine broad-leaved silver variety, but does not "berry" with the same freedom as Handsworth Silver. Another desirable Silver Holly is Grandis, but it is little known, notwithstanding that no collection is complete without it.

A CONFUSED NOMENCLATURE.

Although we must acknowledge that the nomenclature of the Hollies is in a confused state generally, one collection may be trusted implicitly, and that belongs to the firm of Messrs. Fisher, Son, and Sibray, Handsworth, Sheffield, who raised the beautiful Ilex Wilsoni, to which we referred recently. Many of the finest of our Hollies have been raised at Handsworth, and the lecturer particularly alluded to this interesting fact. He hoped, also, that this beautiful native shrub and its varieties would quickly take their place in the home garden, and adorn it with their cheerful, glistening green foliage and sparkling crimson berries. As a writer in a recent number of Flora and Sy/va well said: "Our native evergreens, e.g., Holly, Box, and Yew—how much more beautiful and effective groups they make than the weedy trees which usually have possession." We would seek out not the Holly of the hedgerow, but the beautiful varieties from it, and the natural hybrids, which are a joy to see in the Handsworth nursery. There are strength of growth, beauty of leaf colcuring, and profusion of berries in these hybrids that are not seen in the commoner forms of the native tree, and the planter of park and home woodland should not forget these in any future planting plans where Hollies are desired. We would sweep away much of the tree and shrub growth in crowded shrubberies, and substitute bold groups of our native Box, Yew, and Hoily. Laurel and Privet dominate where there should be seen the cheerful glint of the Holly leaf or the warm gold and silver of the best variegated varieties, which are a great attraction during winter, when the deciduous trees and shrubs are leafless. But Hollies must be kept by themselves; that is, not spoiled by neighbouring things of perhaps quicker and more rampant growth.

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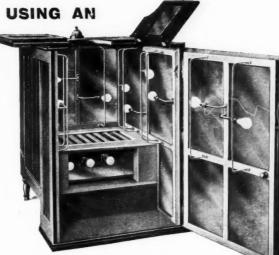
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RACINGNOTES.

N tropical regions there is no twilight, and when the sun sets night at once resumes her sway. So it is in the racing world; the flat-racing begins. It is but a fortnight since the Manchester Autumn Meeting and the Manchester November Handicap were the racing topics of the week, and now all that is done with, and jumping meetings at Warwick, Aldershot, Kempton Park, and other places are occupying the attention of racing people. It goes without saying that the man who gets up to ride a steeplechase does so with the knowledge that his path is beset with danger, and it is with much regret that one has to record the fact that a fatal accident has marred the very first days of the opening steeplechase season. At the Aldershot Meeting, Diplomatist, ridden by Mr. J. O. Sherrard, collided with Wych Elm at the big jump behind the stand, and Captain Meyricke, the rider of the latter, was thrown, and removed to the hospital, suffering from concussion of the brain. concussion of the brain. He never recovered consciousness, and succumbed to his injuries on the following morning. He was a very promising young officer, and popular with all who knew him, and we would ask to be allowed to offer a tribute of sincere sympathy and regret to his relatives and many friends. It is satisfactory to learn that Mr. R. A. Brassey, who was badly injured in the Cambridge University Steeplechases on Tuesday, is making good progress, and that, after all, no operation will be necessary. He never recovered consciousness, and succumbed sary.

Before the business of the "illegitimate" season becomes too heavy, Before the business of the "illegitimate" season becomes too heavy, one would like, if possible, to deal with the more salient statistics of the recent racing season. We left off, last week, with the performances of the five leading jockeys. Taking up the thread of the tale, we come to B. Dillon, sixth on the list, with 81 winning rides out of 427 attempts. Last year he terminated the days of his apprenticeship, and whatever measure of success he has achieved during the past season is due to his own efforts. He is a good jockey and a fine horseman, and is remarkable for his strength and determination in a hardly-fought-out finish. In A. Templeman, who stands seventh in order of merit, Hallick has produced an apprentice of more than ordinary ability. The lad had never previously ridden a winner, but comes out now with 413 rides, 66 of which were winning ones. It is interesting to notice that he is descended from Sam Templeman, a famous jockey in bygone days, and a remarkable feature in his success is the number of important races which he has won, especially in the latter half of the season, when he steered the winners of the Cambridgeshire, the Free Handicap, the Liverpool Cup, the Chesterfield Nursery, and the Derby Gold Cup. The absurdity of the 5lb. allowance to apprentices has Derby Gold Cup. often been alluded to in these notes, and, without in the least detracting from the ability of Templeman in the saddle, it is only fair to point out that many of his winning mounts have been in handicaps where the fact that a rider

of his capacity was enabled to claim the apprentice allowance, completely upset the scheme of weights as apportioned by the handicappers. A timely alteration, however, has been made in the rule concerning apprentices and their allowances, and in this respect affairs will be under a more satisfactory condition next season. William Griggs has to thank an unkind fortune for the eighth place, which he occupies in the list of winning jockeys, with 60 wins as a result of 552 rides. Like Dillon, his apprenticeship days came to an end last year, and a career of great promise seemed to be opening before him; but after making a good start he broke his collar-bone at Folkestone in the spring, and after an enforced rest of six weeks he resumed riding, only to meet with a similar accident, which once more prevented him from following his profession. W. Halsey is a strong an l capable horseman, but he has not ridden as frequently this season as he formerly did, which, to a great extent, ridden as frequently this season as he formerly did, which, to a great extent, accounts for the fact that he has but 58 winning mounts to his credit out of the 383 occasions on which he has ridden, and that he now comes ninth on the list of "honours." Next to Halsey comes H. Jones, who has the honour of being first jockey to His Majesty the King, who, to everyone's regret, has of late been unable to find horses worthy of carrying the Royal colours; but Jones has proved on many occasions that if the horse is good enough the jockey will not be found wanting. At Goodwood he won seven out of the eleven races in which he took part; he also steered the won seven out of the eleven races in which he took part; he also steered the winner of the Oaks and the Two Thousand Guineasto victory, as well as those of the Coventry Stakes, the Ascot Stakes, the New Stakes, and the St. James's Palace Stakes at Ascot, and of the July Stakes at Newmarket and the Gimerack Stakes at York. The remaining ten jockeys in our list of the twenty premier riders of the season are: J. H. Martin with 364 rides for 51 wins; C. Trigg, 523 for 46; B. Lynlam, 292 for 37; G. McCall, 270 for 35; A. Sharples, 276 for 35; II. Blades, 385 for 34; T. Priestman 183 for 30; J. Jarvis, 324 for 30; G. Anderson, 214 for 29; and W Saxby, 321 for 29.

Before turning to the trainers and the sums which have been credited Before turning to the trainers and the sums which have been credited to the stables over which they respectively preside, one may remark that in 1885 the sum total of the money to be run for, exclusive of place money, came to £413,263; ten years later it had arrived at the increase figures of £466,255; and in this year of grace trainers have been able to scramble for rather more than £496,500. From these figures we may fairly assume that from a pecuniary point of view racing in this country is fairly assume that from a pecuniary point of view racing in this country is fairly assume that from a pecuniary point of view racing in this country is fairly assume that from a pecuniary point of view racing in this country is fairly the property of from being the moribund institution which its detractors fondly imagine it to be.

To take the trainers in the order of merit which they have arrived at, Mr. T. Robinson stands far ahead of his nearest rival, and his reward is indeed one of which he has every reason to be proud. Of some fifty horses in training he has sent out twenty-six winners, who between them have accounted



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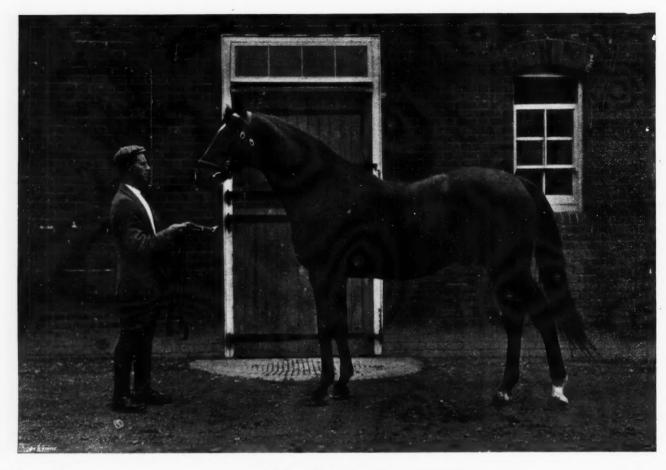
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J. E. Brewer, the Australian trainer, who has hitherto had charge of Mr. Henning's horses, has done fairly well with the thirty or forty horses he has had to deal with, having picked up thirty-two races with the who have put £15,790 to the credit of the patrons of the stable. Of other trainers who have done well the Newmarket division comprises G. Blackwell, £9,412; R. Day, £11,072; the Hon. F. Lambton, £7,476; R. Marsh, who, by the way, has experienced a most totally undeserved run of bad luck, £10,343; and R. Sherwood, £9.141. Altogether the Newmarket trainers have between them accounted for £224,187, so that they cannot well complain of not having had a fair share of the leaves and fishes offered for distribution.

Of country trainers, other than those who occupy a position among the of country trainers, other than those who occupy a position among the leading half-a-dozen, Major Edwards has been credited with £7,449, as the result of twenty successful races, though with the large number of horses which are sheltered at Ogbourne, he had every reason to anticipate better results; but if sickness once gets into a stable, the trainer's lot is cast in places which are anything but pleasant. John Porter's winning account is represented by £10,644, a sum which might appear satisfactory to some represented by £10,044, a sum which might appear satisfactory to some people, but which is far below that to which the master of Kingsclere has been accustomed to look upon as his due. J. Fallon, to whom are entrusted the responsibilities, and they are no light ones, of training for the patrons of the Netheravon stable, has done well with a total of

£14,934.

Having now dealt, as far as space will permit, with the trainers and the horses, and who have the jockeys, we come to the owners who supply the horses, and who have the doubtful pleasure of paying the thousand and one expenses to which they are liable in the shape of trainer's bills, jockey's fees, entries and forfeits, veterinary advice, farriers' accounts, travelling expenses, and last but not least the large sums invested in the purchase of their race-horses. To few owners nowadays is it given to have the satisfaction of finding themselves a long way ahead of all rivals as far as the amount of money won in stakes is concerned, and also to know that the horses which have brought about such a satisfactory result are of their own breeding. Such an owner this year is a satisfactory result are of their own breeding. Such an owner this year is Colonel W. Hall Walker, to whose winning account the results of the season's racing have placed the substantial sum of £23,687, an amount which would have been even greater had not his beautiful mare Cherry Lass gone amiss just before the race for the St. Leger, and his crack colt Black Arrow developed the most unexpected peculiarities of temper. Both Colonel Hall Walker and Lord Derby, who comes next with £18,524 to his credit, are owners of the type which one and all are glad to see occupying the position which they do in the Turf statistics of the year. Lord Derby in particular been a free-handed and consistent supporter of the best interests of the Turf, and he can at least have the satisfaction of knowing that the of the Turk, and he can at least have the satisfaction of knowing that the victories of his "black and white cap" are always popular with the public. Mr. Sol Joel, as his name is written in the racing records, has had a good season, and comes third on the list with £17,944 to his credit. Then comes that good sportsman, Mr. W. M. G. Singer, with £12,076, not a small amount of which has been earned by Challacombe, whose victory in the St. Leger cannot have been looked forward to with much confidence by either his owner or trainer. Major Loder, who, apart from his own popularity, will go down to posterity as the owner of Pretty Polly, has won £11,584, :s will go down to posterity as the owner of Pretty Polly, has won £11,584,: s compared with £19,899 last year and £15,738 in 1903. Sir Edgar Vincent and Lord Rosebery have made a dead heat of it for seventh place, each of them having the sum of £11,072 to represent the amount of his gains for the season. Only £60 divides Mr. L. de Rothschild and Mr. Henning, the former having won £10,187, and the latter £10,127. St. Amant did yeoman service for "Mr. Leopold" by winning the £7,435 attached to the Jockey Club Stakes, and Lord Rosebery is indebted for the greater portion of his winnings to Cicero's victory in the greater portion of his winnings to Cicero's victory in the Epsom Derby, and to the quite unexpected victory of Catscradle in the Gold Cup at Derby. There are further matters of much interest concerning the sires and brood mares of the season, and a mass of details regarding the deeds of English-bred horses in foreign countries is to hand, which I hope to be able to deal later with as time and space permit. Epsom Derby, and

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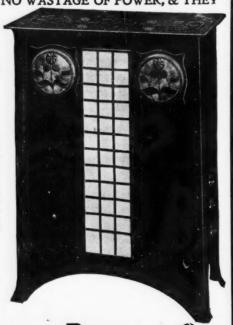
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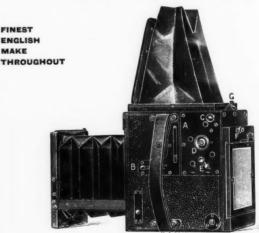
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LITERARY NOTES.

IR. HERBERT PAUL has found an excellent subject for his pen in the Life of Froude (Pitman). The subject has not previously been touched, because the relatives of the distinguished historian did not wish to have any biography written of him, although they very gladly co-operated with Mr. Paul when they found that he had imposed upon himself the task. Froude's life could not have been an unpleasant one to write; it was e-sentially that of a man of letters, although, having been born in the county of Devon, and imbued with rural tastes from childhood, he remained, even in the midst of all his literary work, first and foremost, a country gentleman, loving and practising horsemanship, angling, and the other open-air pastimes. His youth was marked rather by idleness than industry, and it was not until he went to college that his mind seems to have wakened up, and to have given some promise of the career that was before him. His biography, to a large extent, is the history of those intellectual movements of his time that originated in Oxford University. He knew intimately Newman, Pusey, Heber, and the other figures in the great Oxford Movement. On Newman it is probable that he modelled his own style, which, at its best, is one of the finest in English literature. But in the philosophy of life Carlyle eventually became his master, and his relation to the "Sage of Chelsea" resembled for a long time that of an affectionate son. As well as making friends, Froude had a capacity for making enemies also, and a great deal of Mr. Herbert Paul's space is devoted to the quarrels in which he was engaged. For some twenty years he was continuously assailed in the pages of the Saturday Review, then under the editorship of Douglas Cook, by his rival and fellow-historian, Edward Freeman, and it was characteristic of Froude that he allowed this to go on for nearly two decades without troubling to answer. When he did take the matter up he dealt effectually with the unfortunate Freeman. All the same, there was some excuse for the attacks

occurred when the University of Oxford chose him to be Regius Professor of Modern History, in succession to his late rival, Freeman. He kept the post for several years, and died at last in the fulness of years and of honour.

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Professor Courthope, in his History of English Poetry (Macmillan), deals chiefly with the eighteenth century, a period in which, needless to say, he is very much at home. Pope and his school make a particular appeal to the author's sympathies, and, accordingly, they receive what is probably more than their full share of justice in this volume. It is a very elaborate account of the literary movement of the century with which it deals. If a fault can be found with Professor Courthope, it is that he goes into the question with perhaps too much elaboration and detail, though, on the other hand, he speaks somewhat scornfully of those who make brilliant deduction from the most casual study. But the eighteenth century is tolerably well known to most of us, and, though it may be unconsciously, we have made each an anthology of his or her own. In the palace of truth, most of us would have to confess that a great many of the writers here dealt with are dead as far as we are concerned. We may know something of Matthew Prior and Joseph Addison, but Charles Montague, Earl of Halifax, is scarcely more than the shadow of a name. Sir Richard Blackmore, Sir Samuel Garth, John Philips, George Granville, Lord Lansdown, William Walsh—what are they but names? Edward Young is here dealt with at considerable length, but we wonderhow many general readers there are who have even a nodding acquaintance with his "Night Thoughts." Even James Thomson is not as familiar as he ought to be, and, to say truth, his finest work, which we conceive to be "The Castleof Indolence," is little more than a dead letter to all but the avowed student of poetry, while the "Seasons" live chiefly by reason of a certain reflective reputation. Such poets as William Cowper, it may be, are unfairly neglected; but the truth remains that, except for a few passages, they are not known. Some of us are tolerably familiar with Allan Ramsay, but it seems to us that no treatment of him can be perfectly satisfactory that does not carry on the story directly to Robert Fer

It is a pity that Mr. Douglas English had not more tact in the selection of his title. Beasties Courageous is a most obnoxious name for a book, especially such a very pretty book as Mr. English has written. It is an account of various animals written by themselves; that is to say, Mr. English impersonates one after another, and gives us bits out of their biographies such as no one could write who had not an extremely good and accurate



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knowledge of their ways. The illustrations, it need scarcely be said, are exceptionally good. We do not know that they belong to the highest type of animal photographs, because it is obvious that Mr. English has tamed the creatures before taking them, and, of cour e, the best and most valuable pictures are those taken of animals in their natural haunts; but of their kind the photographs illustrating this volume could scarcely be surpassed.

Among the coloured books issued during the present season there are few more satisfactory from every point of view than Normandy. The Scenery and Komance of its Ancient Towns, by Gordon Home (Dent). It is extremely and Komance of its Ancient Towns, by Gordon Home (Dent). It is extremely well written, and the pictures are as good as anything of the kind we have seen published. Not only is the reproduction excellent, but a great deal of tact and good sense has gone to the choosing of the subjects for the pictures. To give a taste of the quality of this work we cannot do better than quote the following passage from the page with the heading "A Fairyland Sea"; but it ought to be said that it is chosen as a typical passage, and not by any means

as the best in the book:

"Their greatest charm is the wonderful view over the shining sands and the glistening waters of the rivers Sée and Sélune, that, at low tide, take their serpentine courses over the delicately tinted waste of sand that occupies St. Michael's Bay. Out beyond the little wooded promontory that protects the mouth of the Sée, lies Mont St. Michael, a fretted silhouette of flat pearly grey, and a little to the north is Tombelaine, a less pretentious islet in this fairyland sea. Framed by the stems and foliage of the trees, this view is one of the most fascinating in Normandy. One would be content to stay here all through the sultry hours of a summer day, to listen to the distant hum of conversation among white-capped nursemaids, as they sew busily, giving momentary attention to their charges."

A mixture of literature and science is offered in the very pretty book, Nature's Nursery; or, Chi'dren of the Wilds, by 11. W. Shepheard-Walwyn. It is an attempt to describe, in popular form, the beginnings of things, and the first chapter, called "Jottings from the Farmyard," is a tale of a chicken. their serpentine courses over the delicately tinted waste of sand that occupies

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The Gresham Publishing Company are about to issue the second divisional volume of *The Horse*, a work which promises to be the standard authority on its subject. In this volume Professor Axe concludes his valuable treatise on "The Varieties of the Horse" and begins the important section, "Health and Disease." This section, it is stated, will be the outstanding feature of the work. It opens with an article on the causes of disease generally, followed by an account of the causes, sympoms, and treatment of the diseases of the digestive system in particular, lavishly illustrated with a series of anatomical drawings now published for the first time. The volume also contains many portraits in colour and black and white of well-known horses, and pedigree tables of some famous heavy horses.

$DECEMBER\ MAGAZINES.$

HE Fortnightly Review often manages to secure very able articles on foreign affairs, and that on the "Foreign Policy of Germany" in the December number is likely to attract much attention. It is a somewhat pessimistic document, and ends with the following very sombre question: "The present position of Germany is most favourable. She has defeated Europe and Austria, Russia lies exhausted, and thus Germany has her elbows free. On the Continent of Europe she is not only the strongest, but by far the strongest, Power. Now or never is her opportunity. Will she make use of it? Will she ty to take Holland, or will she interfere in Austria-Hungary and try to save the dissolving German element in that country by incorporating with save the dissolving German element in that country by incorporating with Germany, in some form or other, the western half of that monarchy? Or will she endeavour to take another slice of France and the French coionies? will Germany at present abstain from action, notwithstanding her opportunities, and continue in feverish haste to increase her enormous navy for the protection of commerce' until an occasion for using it against a great naval and colonial power arises?" In the same number André Turquet writes on "René Bazin"; the Rev. W. Carlile discusses "The Problem of the Unemployed"; and there is an article on "José-Maria de Heredia," by T. Seccombe and L. M. Brandin. Mr. S. Paget writes on "The Revival of Phrenology," and Sir Oliver Lodge defends himself well against the attacks made Mr. Mallock,

Professor J. C. Collins displays an unexpected versatility by holding forth, in the National Review, on "The Merstham Tunnel Mystery, and its Lessons." He is extremely indignant that the criminal has not been brought to justice, and raises a cry of alarm that is epitomised in the following paragraph: "In conclusion, the chief defects of our system of criminal investigation, defects mainly responsible for the appalling list of unconvicted murderers, are the publicity of all its proceedings, the hard conditions imposed on those who could assist inquiry, the inadequacy, and frequently the incompetence, of the officials to whom, at the earlier and most critical stages, the conduct of these cases is entrusted, and, above all, the immunity of are submitted to on the Continent." Mr. Home Gordon expatiates on "The Waning Popularity of First-class Cricket." We are not sure that we grant his premises, and if we did, the remedies he proposes are not by any means the most obvious. His idea is decidedly that cricket matches should be played for the growd that is to say that the nature of the cricket should be played for the crowd, that is to say, that the nature of the cricket should be determined by what is going to please the spectators. Some of us, however, hold that there are more than enough spectators already, and that

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In the Empire Evoiew there is an article that will interest our readers on "Bears in New Brunswick." The following curious account of Indian superstition as regards bears occurs here: "The Indian maintains that when the bear falls into his deadfall trap, so arranged that by the act of seizing a bit of pork smeared with molasses or with the rank smelling 'pride' of the beaver castors, the animal foresees his own doom. Hence he walks round and round the enclosure, before destiny drives him on to a fate he perceives, but is powerless to escape, as if fear had vanquished his will. The Indian is very careful not to insult the bones, and carefully crapes the skull and erects it on a tall stake out of reach of foxes and rodents. For he says if bears and other wild beasts knew that their remains were to be thrown to dogs or vermin, they would be at more pains to avoid being taken." The other contents of this magazine, as beseems its title, are mostly of a political

nature.

In the Badminton Miss L. E. Bland writes on "A School Across Country"; Major C. G. Matson deals with "Some Motor Problems"; and Mrs. Stennard Robinson sketches "Some Ladies who Ride to Hounds." But perhaps the most interesting article from our point of view is that of "Cornish Chough" on "The Importance of Leaving a Good Breeding Stock." The gist of what he has to say will be found in the following paragraph: "To begin with, no partridge should be shot after the first week in January, as the birds are just thinking about pairing then. The ground should be left as quiet as possible; and taking the ordinary partridge-driving beat as say 800 acres, and supposing it the ordinary partridge-driving beat as say 800 acres, and supposing it is the ambition of the owner or lessee to kill 300 brace off that ground the following season, the keeper of the beat should be confident that he has at least 120 brace of birds on this ground. Of this 120 brace the chances are that some 10 brace of cocks will be killed fighting, or find that they are without mates. This leaves 110 pairs. Allow 10 per cent. of nests destroyed by vermin or misadventure, such as cattle stepping on the nest, etc. (heavy thunder-storms must not come into this at

all, as provided the storm is heavy enough, and comes just wrong moment, i.e., when birds are either just hatching, or have just hatched off, a whole beat may be practically destroyed for that season), this should birds per covey is, if anything, rather above the usual result. In very good years the average of young may be as high as 10 per covey—but let us say 8; that will give us 100 covey × 8 = 800 young birds + 200 old ones, i.e., 1,000 birds for the beat. Some of these will be sure to die from misadventure; let us allow 10 per cent., i.e., 100 being lost before the shooting commences. There should then be 900 birds on the ground. Given good weather, and straight powder and good management, it will be quite possible to realise from 250 to 300 brace in the day; anyhow, the owner can calculate that he can afford to take that number off this beat, and leave 150 brace as stock for the next year; but many of these will be pricked birds, which will die in the winter."

In the Cornhill Magazine one of the most interesting articles is by the Rev. Canon Beeching, called "An Examination in English Literature." It was suggested by the fact that, when Canon Beeching was editing the letterary

remains of the late Canon Ainger, he had occasion to read over again a paper of his, written some fifteen years ago, upon the teaching of English literature. of his, written some fifteen years ago, upon the teaching of English literature. We need not follow Canon Beeching in his argument, but some of the blunders he quotes from examination papers are highly amusing. For instance, "fata morgana" was defined as "the fate of Evan Morgan," but still better was the definition of "rankness" as "good society." Canon Beeching goes on to say: "But for pure ingenuity I know nothing to beat the number of explanations of fee simple: 'Cash down,' the ordinary fee,' as easy as tipping,' 'simple interest,' 'at cost price,' 'merely a question of costs,' the small salary of the clergy,' 'money without goods,' 'quite simple,' a simple fee, no bribes,' without any extra charge,' 'a legal term for the conveying of entrails.'" The other contents of the magazine are of a high order. Alfred Cochrane contributes a poem called "The Sweeper of the Leaves," of which we quote the last few lines:

"So be it; but, although the staff Of critics-who do nothing-laugh, Vet has the littered landscape room Ev'n for the sweeper and his broom; And it may be, one autumn day, When effort falters by the way, In hours when all applause is dumb. Then the reward of toil shall come. For to the garden shall draw nigh more observant passer-by, Who, even if the sight prevents prouder flow of compliment Will yet acknowledge, never fear, That—someone with a broom wis here."

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RECENT VERSE.

R. ELKIN MATHEWS is one of those publishers to whom young poets are indebted for the readiness with which he procures them a hearing. We have on our table four little booklets issued by him of varying degrees of merit. Perhaps the best of the original work is "An Hour of Reverie," by F. P. Sturm. Many of the subjects dealt with are a little bookish, but we may quote the following as a fairly typical example of his work—it has at least the merit of brevity:

> "The shadowy foliage of the glade, Within those starlight deeps you trod, Whispered and sighed: Behold a shade From the dream-laden heart of God.

A curlew flying forth to se Hung for a moment in the dome Of Heaver, calling Follow me, O phantom goddes: of the foam.

The golden moon, the starry rout, The wind-awakened woods and streams, Sang till you passed and faded out Like foam on some pale sea of dreams"

Miss E. Gibson scarcely keeps up to the very fine promise of her earlier work; it is probably because she is one from whom much is expected, and hence a little shade of disappointment is felt in this work. We quote ore of her briefest poems:

"Here is a dream-built nest: O, Love, alight, Within these walls to rest For one brief night:

Pass hence at break of day. No more to come; Yet shall I keep alway Prepared a hom

When a poet begins his first number with "wild soul of me," as Mr. R. G. Keatings does in "Sea Danger" and other poems, and goes on to speak of "the slippery sea-rotten stone where the hollies unfurl," we know what to expect. It is scarcely worth while to stop a moment to

we know what to expect. It is scarcely worth while to stop a moment to try and imagine hollies growing on a sea-rotten stone; but a still wilder piece of imagery occurs further on, where a place is described in which "early cobwebs nimbly run, And gather up the morning's good." The idea of cobwebs running about nimbly, certainly speaks of a lively imagination.

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We quote the last as being a good example of the rendering by Mr. Symons: "Be always drunken. Nothing else matters: that is the only question. If you would not feel the horrible burden of Time weighing on your shoulders, and crushing you to earth, be drunken continually. Drunken with what? With wine, with poetry, or with virtue, as you will. But be drunken. And if sometimes on the stairs of a palace, or on the green side of with what? With wine, with poetry, or with virtue, as you will. But be drunken. And if sometimes on the stairs of a palace, or on the green side of a ditch, or in the dreary solitude of your own room, you should awaken and the drunkenness be half or wholly slipped away from you, ask of the wind, or of the wave, or of the star, or of the bird, or of the clock, of whatever flies, or sighs, or rocks, or sings, or speaks, ask what hour it is; and the wind, wave, star, bird, clock will answer you: It is the hour to be drunken! Be drunken, if you would not be martyred slaves of Time; be drunken continually! With wine, with poetry, or with virtue, as you will."

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